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THEY'VE
HAD
THEIR
SHOTS.**

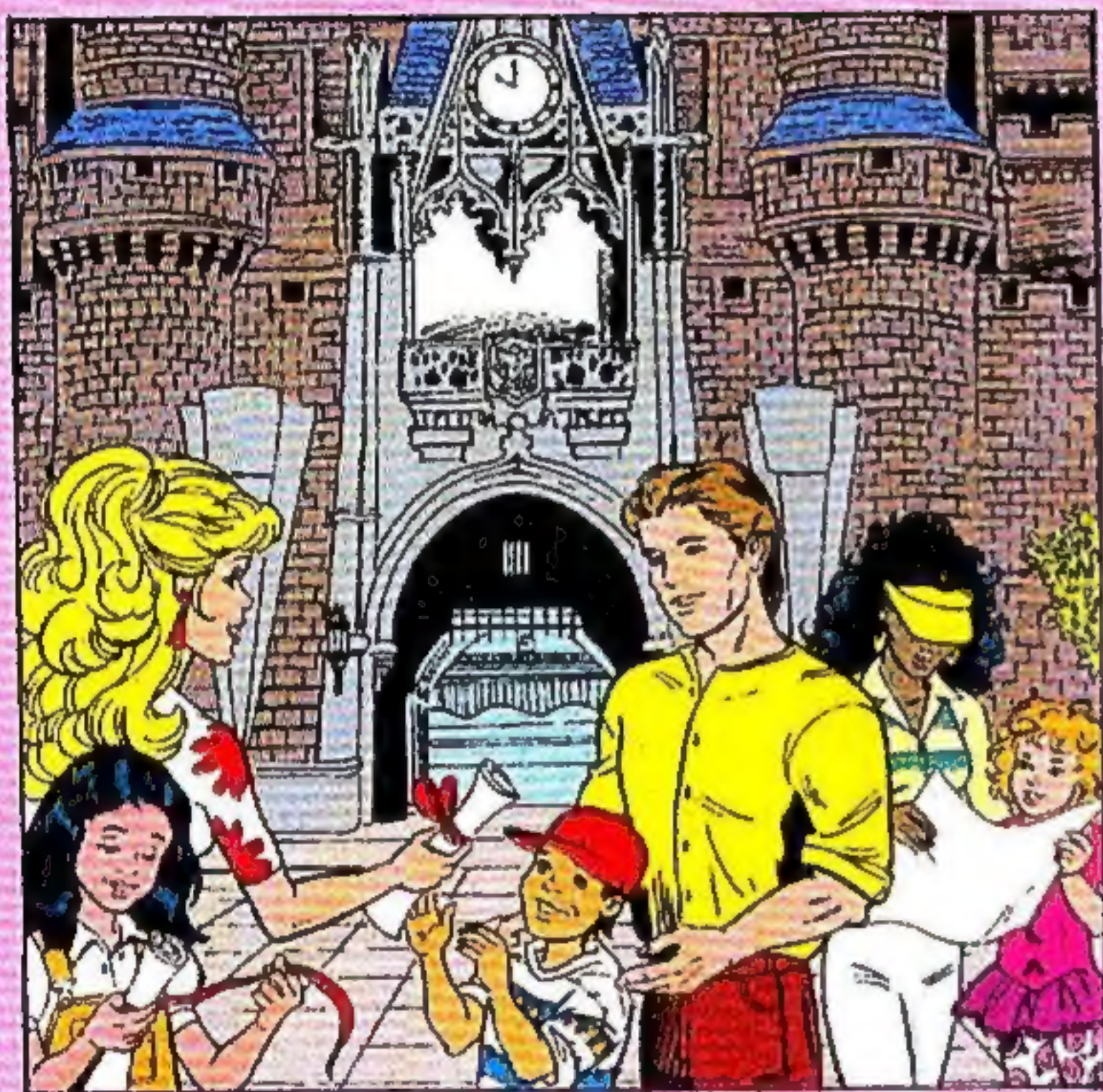


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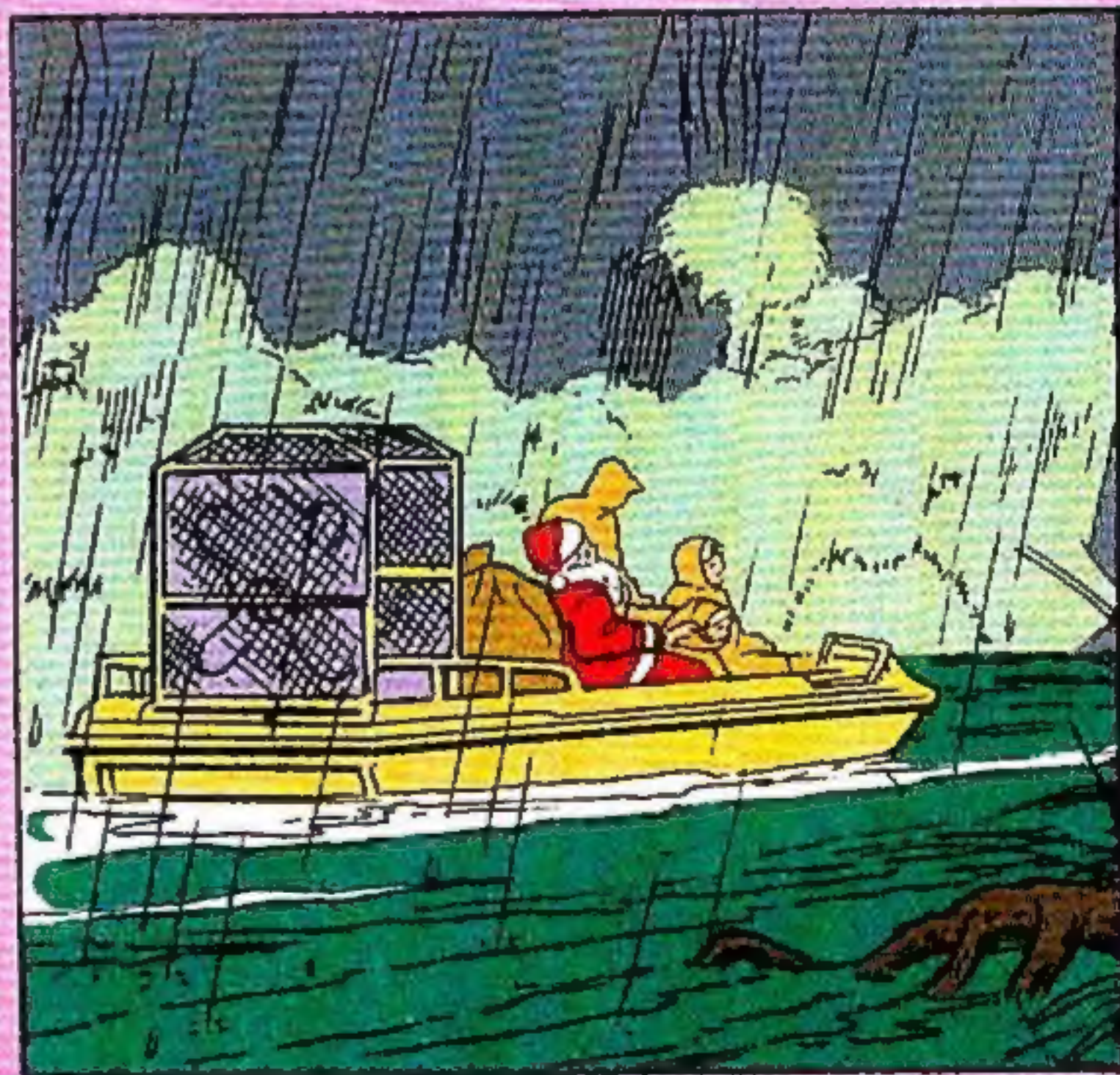
THE GREAT WALT DISNEY WORLD® CHALLENGE

Castles! Pirates! Tea cups
spinning! Turn the page,
the contest's beginning!

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SEE YOU LATER,
CHRISTMAS GATOR
Dashing through the swamp
In Santa's airboat sleigh!

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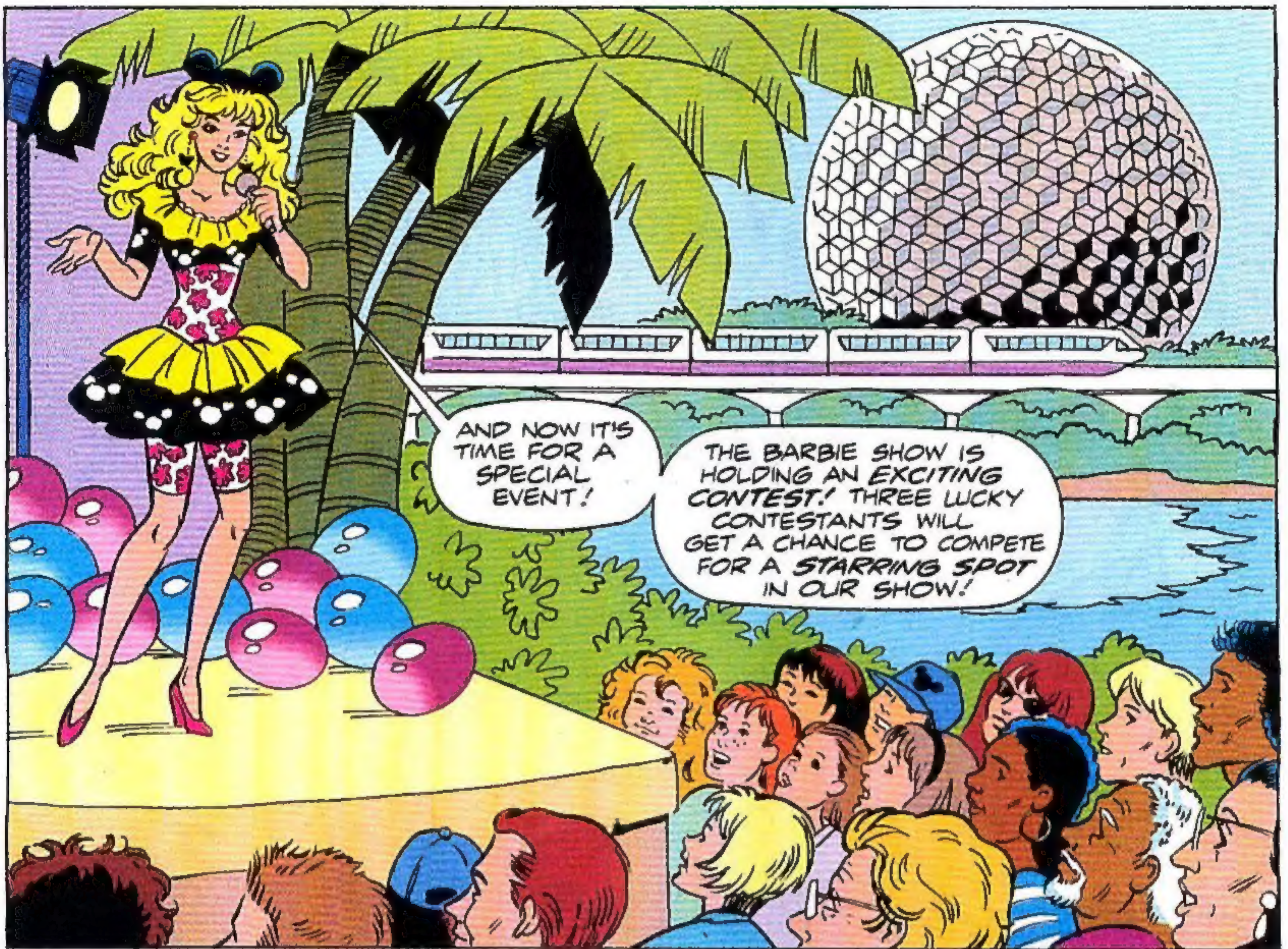
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CONTESTANTS WILL
GET A CHANCE TO COMPETE
FOR A STARRING SPOT
IN OUR SHOW!

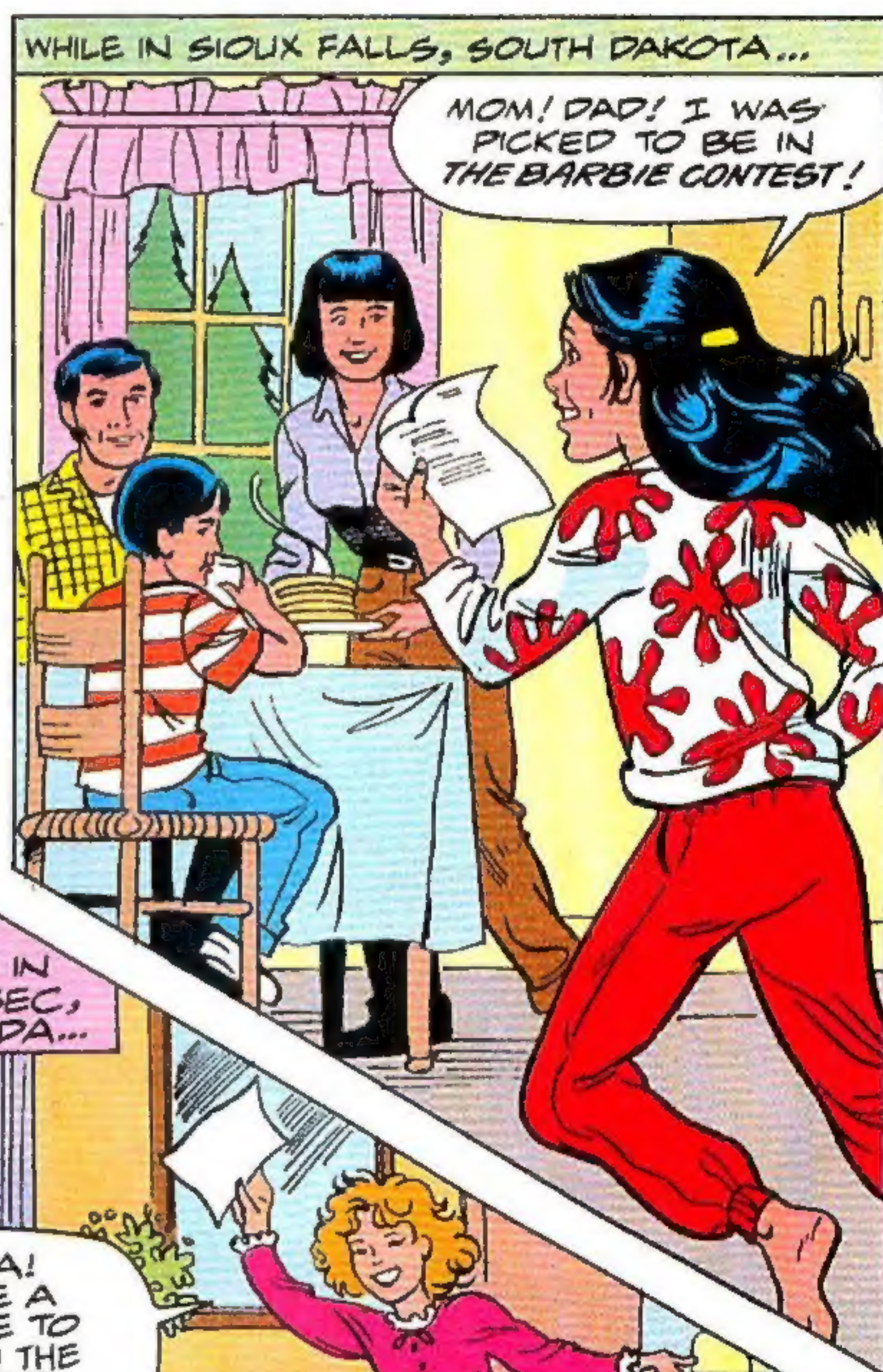


I'M GOING TO PICK
THE NAMES OF THE
THREE CONTESTANTS
FROM THE
THOUSANDS OF
ENTRIES THAT ARE
IN THIS DRUM!



...AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...

...GABRIEL SANCHEZ,
EMILY BLACKFOOT,
AND NICOLE ROUX!
CONGRATULATIONS,
KIDS!!



INSTANTLY WIN

ONE OF A MILLION FREE



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GET YOUR COOKIES NOW,
SOLVE THE MYSTERY...

AND SEE IF YOU'VE WON.

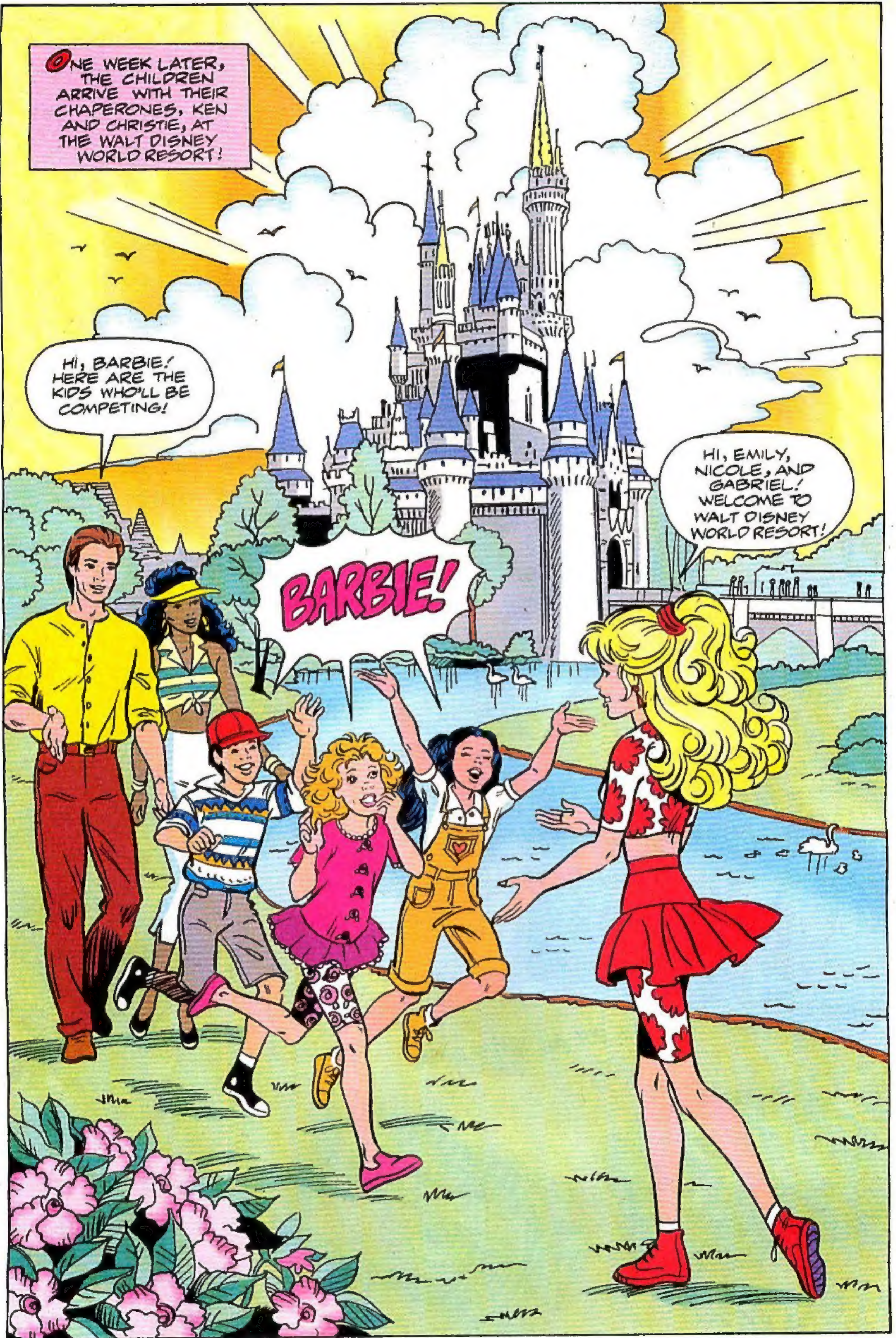
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ONE WEEK LATER,
THE CHILDREN
ARRIVE WITH THEIR
CHAPERONES, KEN
AND CHRISTIE, AT
THE WALT DISNEY
WORLD RESORT!

HI, BARBIE!
HERE ARE THE
KIDS WHO'LL BE
COMPETING!

HI, EMILY,
NICOLE, AND
GABRIEL!
WELCOME TO
WALT DISNEY
WORLD RESORT!

BARBIE!

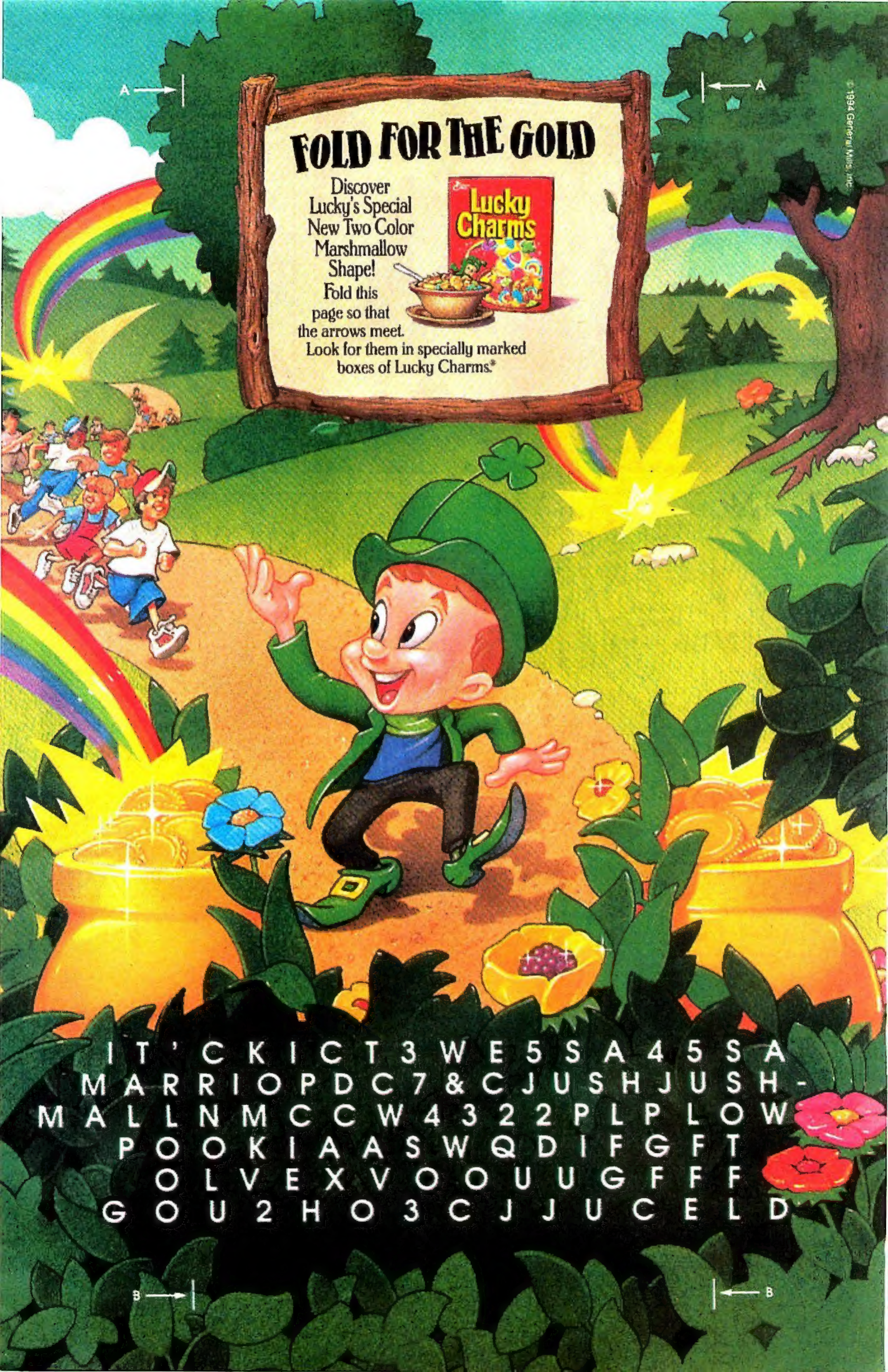
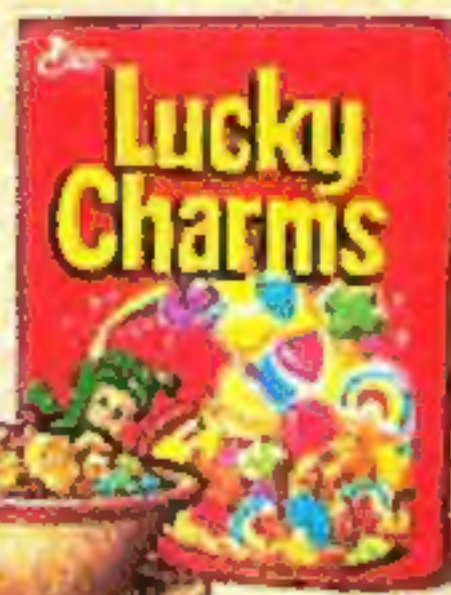


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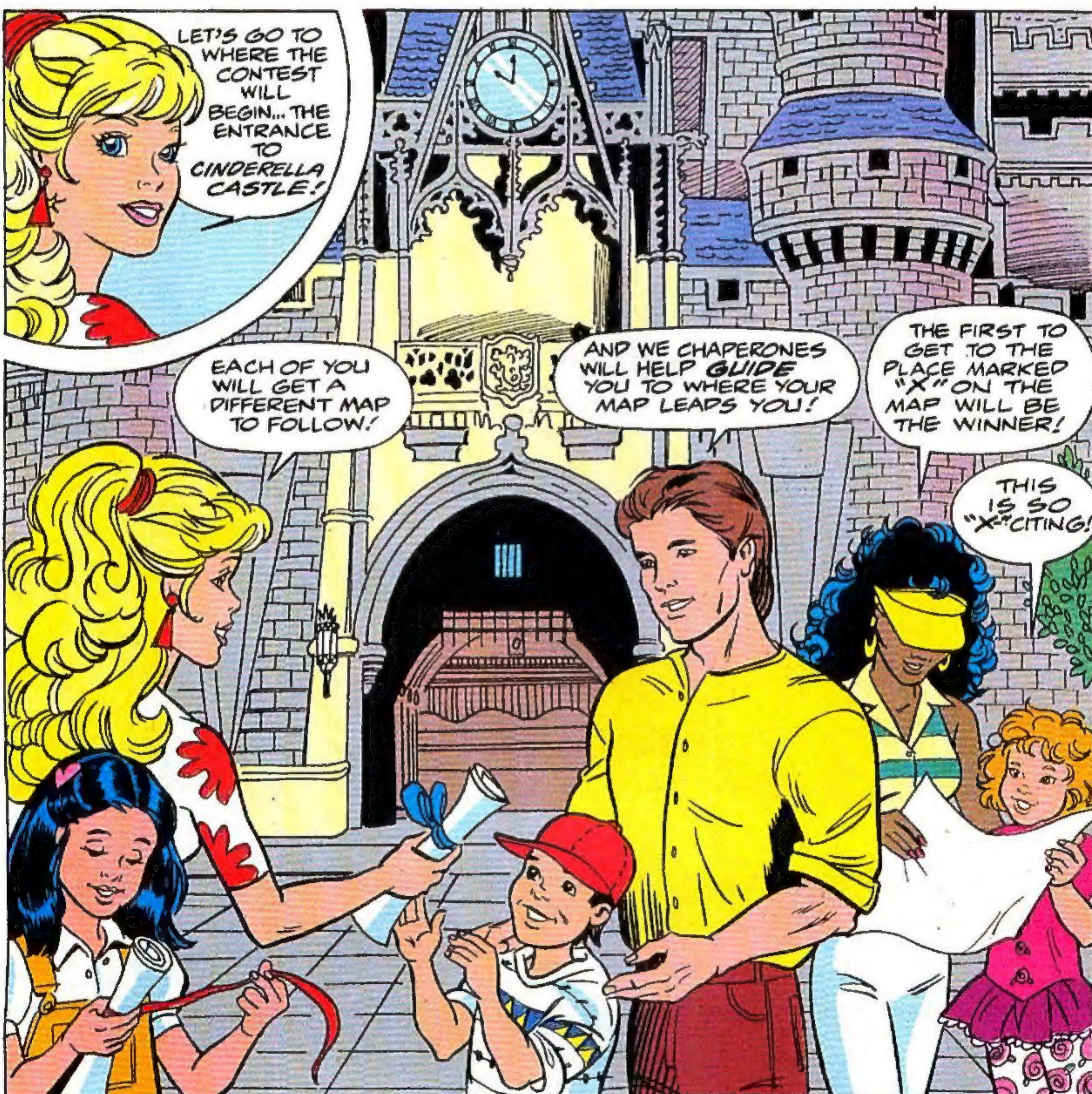
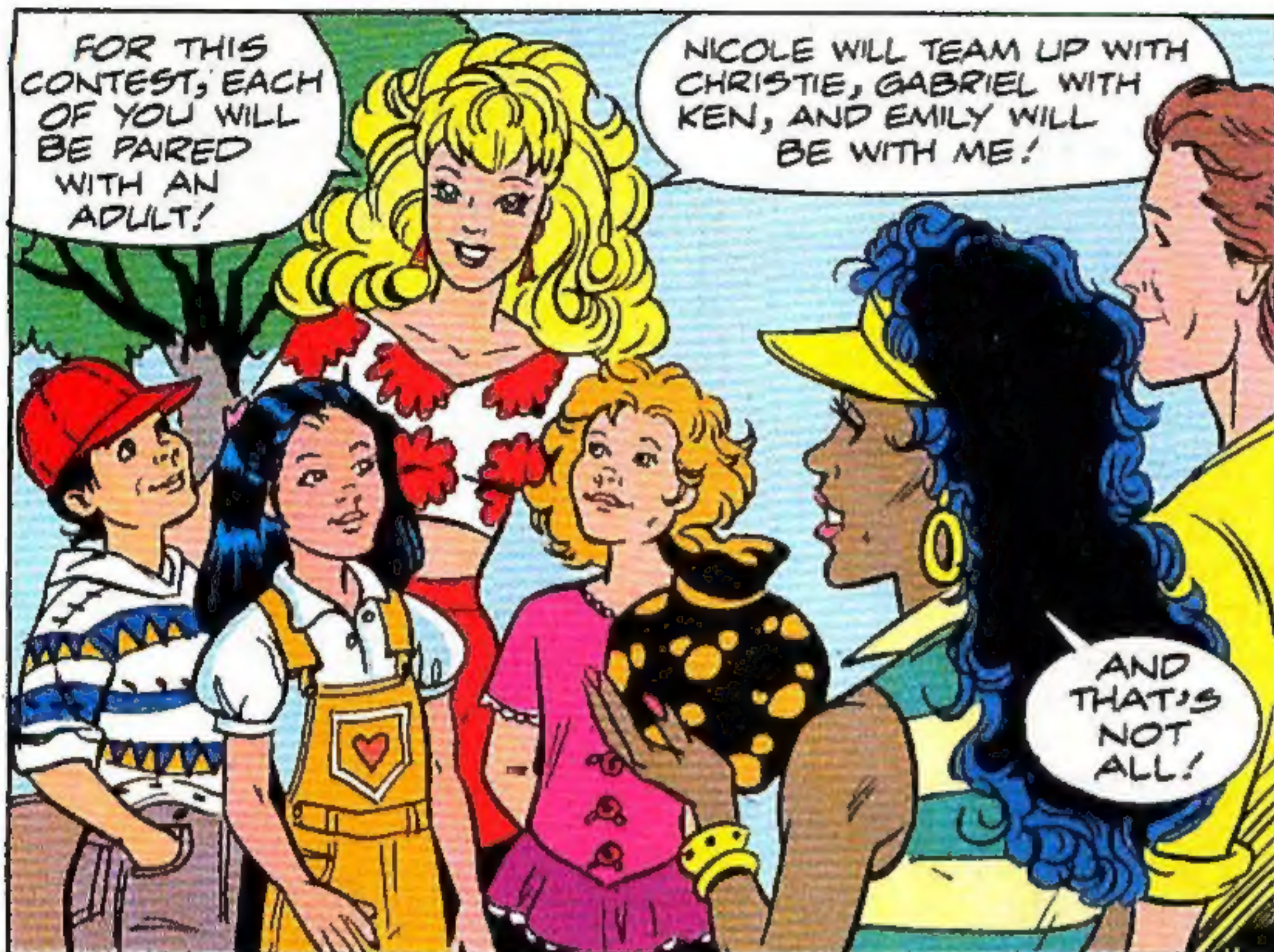
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Lucky's Special
New Two Color
Marshmallow
Shape!

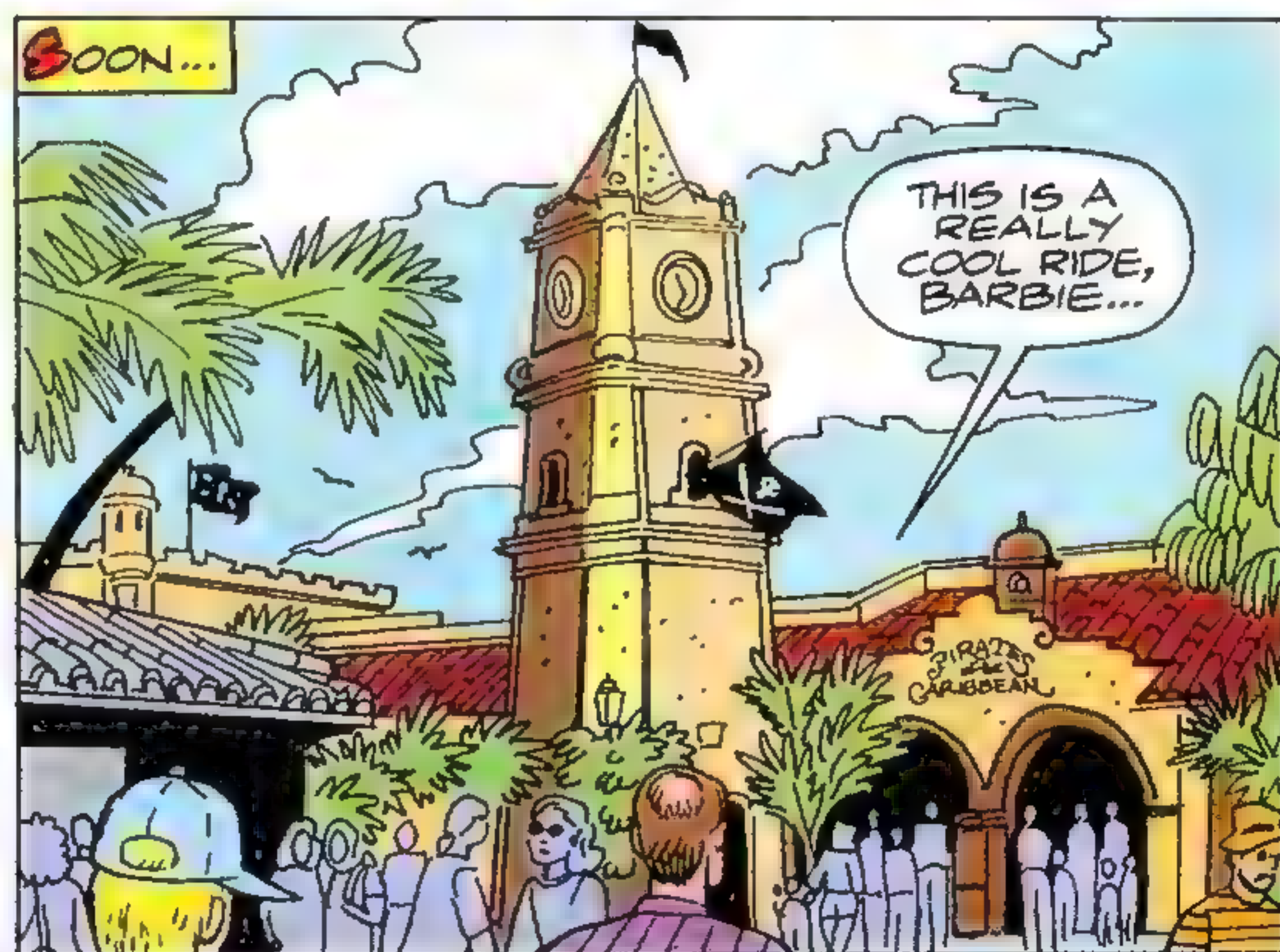
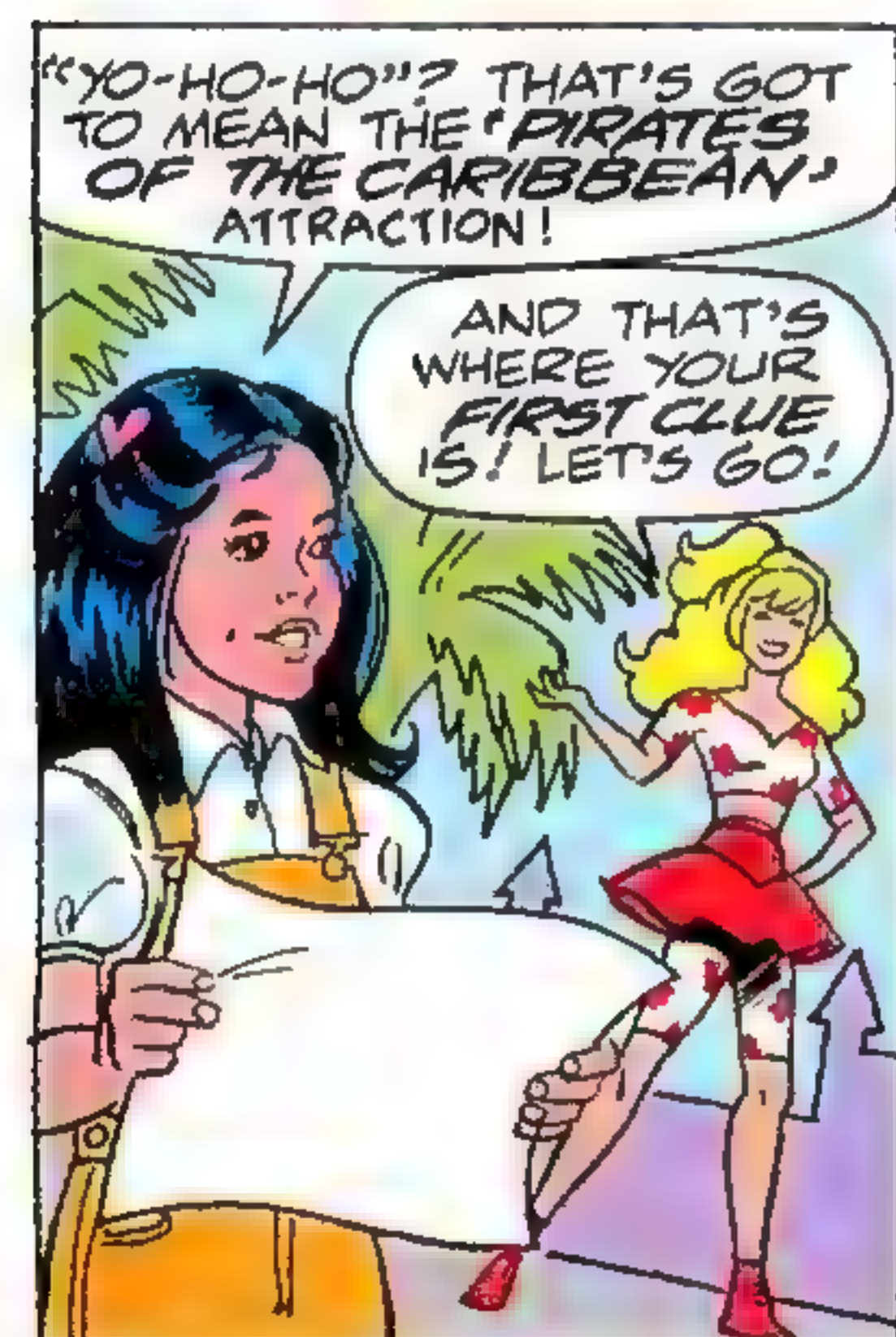
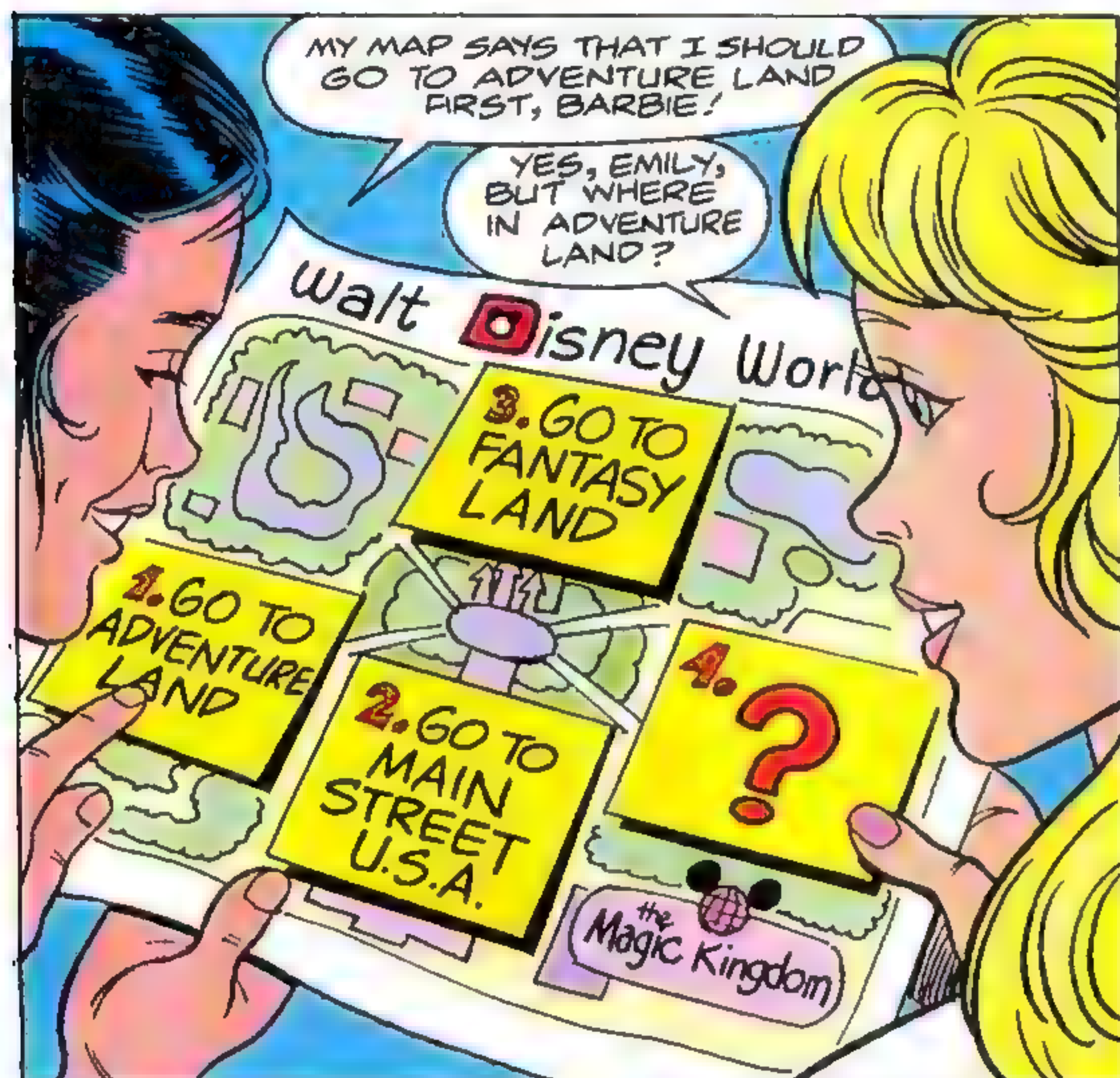
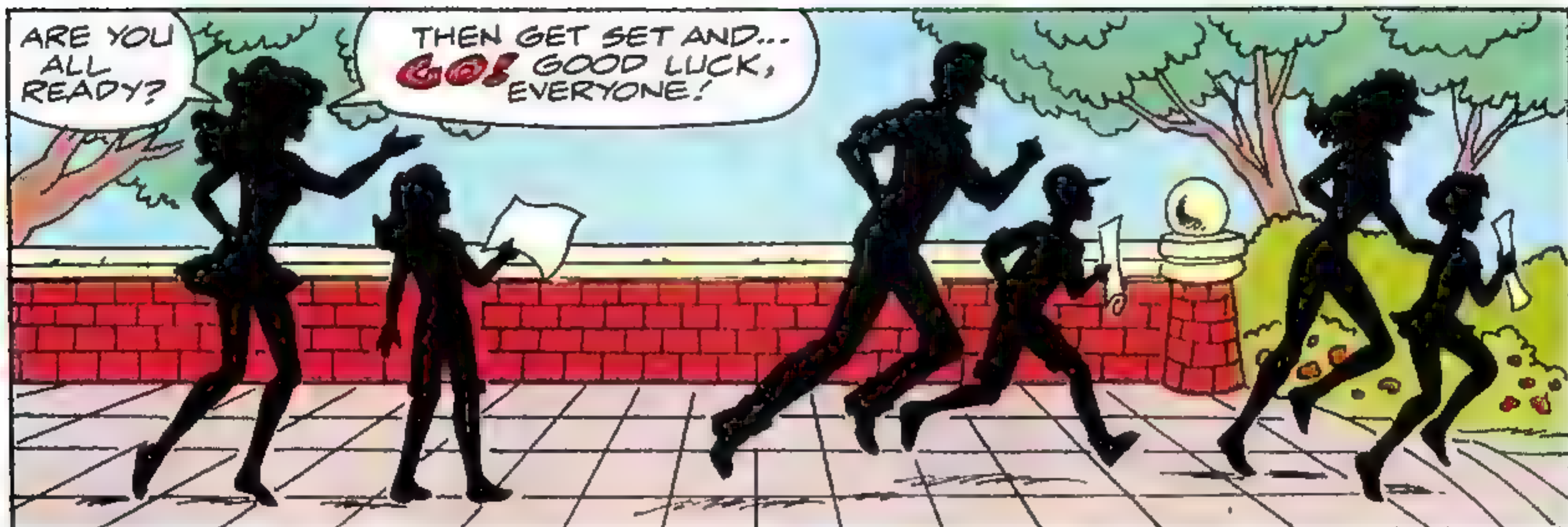
Fold this
page so that
the arrows meet.

Look for them in specially marked
boxes of Lucky Charms®



I T ' C K I C T 3 W E 5 S A 4 5 S A
M A R R I O P D C 7 & C J U S H J U S H -
M A L L N M C C W 4 3 2 2 P L P L O W
P O O K I A A S W Q D I F G F T
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G O U 2 H O 3 C J J U C E L D

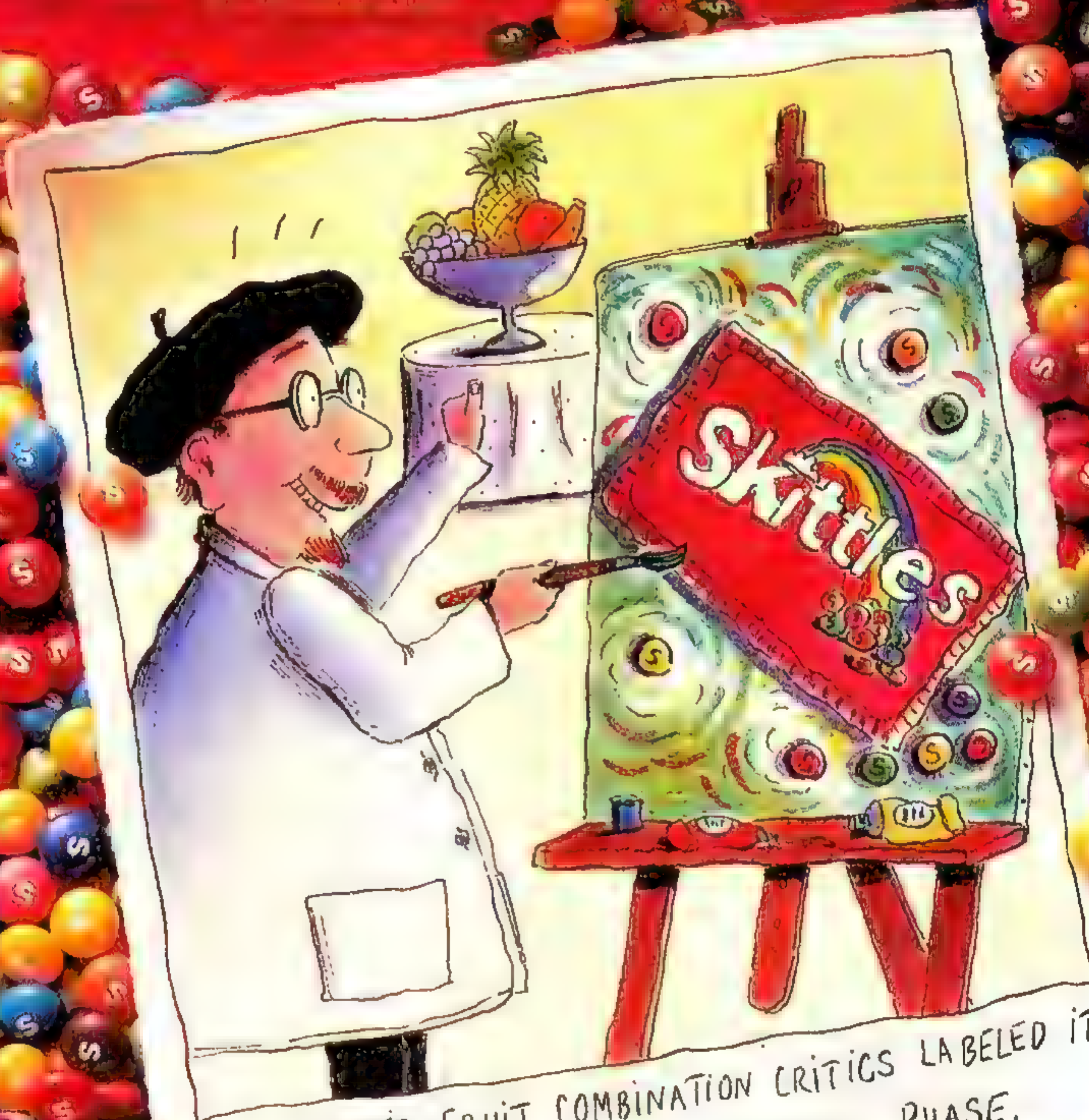




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FRUIT

Skittles®

BITE SIZE CANDIES



YEARS LATER, FRUIT COMBINATION CRITICS LABELED IT
VAN GOGH'S POST-CONFECTIONARY PHASE.

Wildberry

SKITTLES

BITE SIZE CANDIES

WITH REAL FRUIT JUICE

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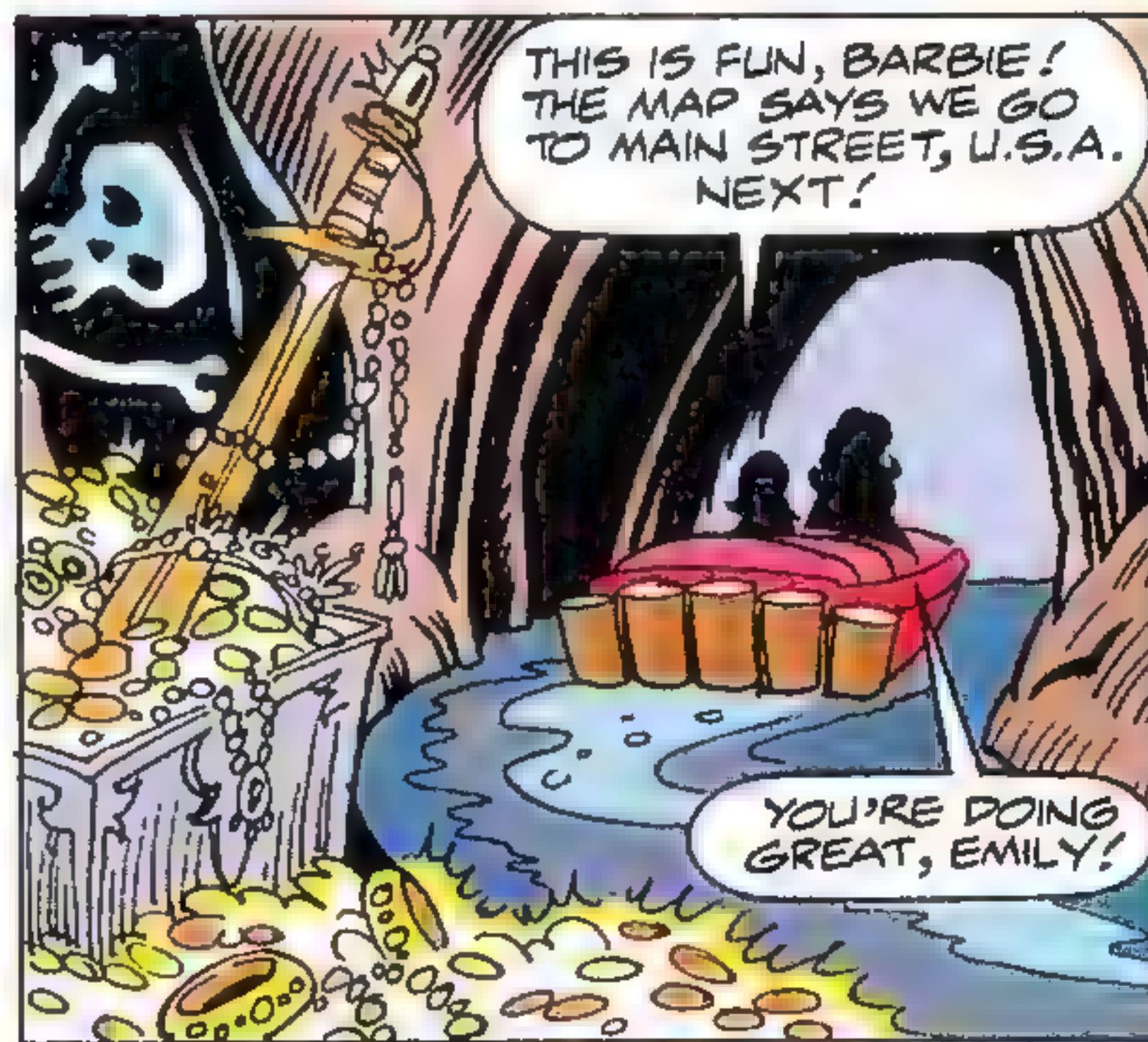
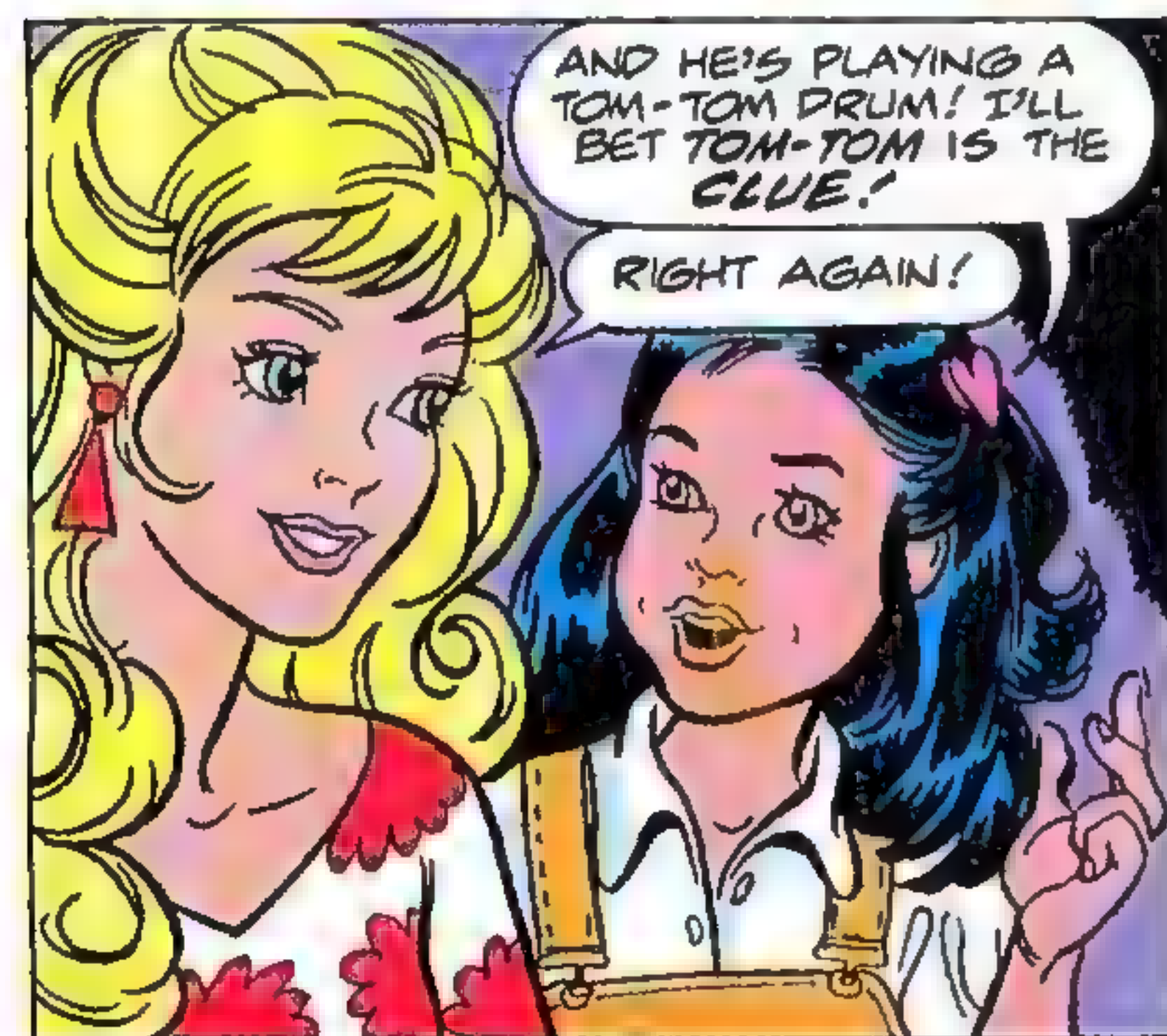
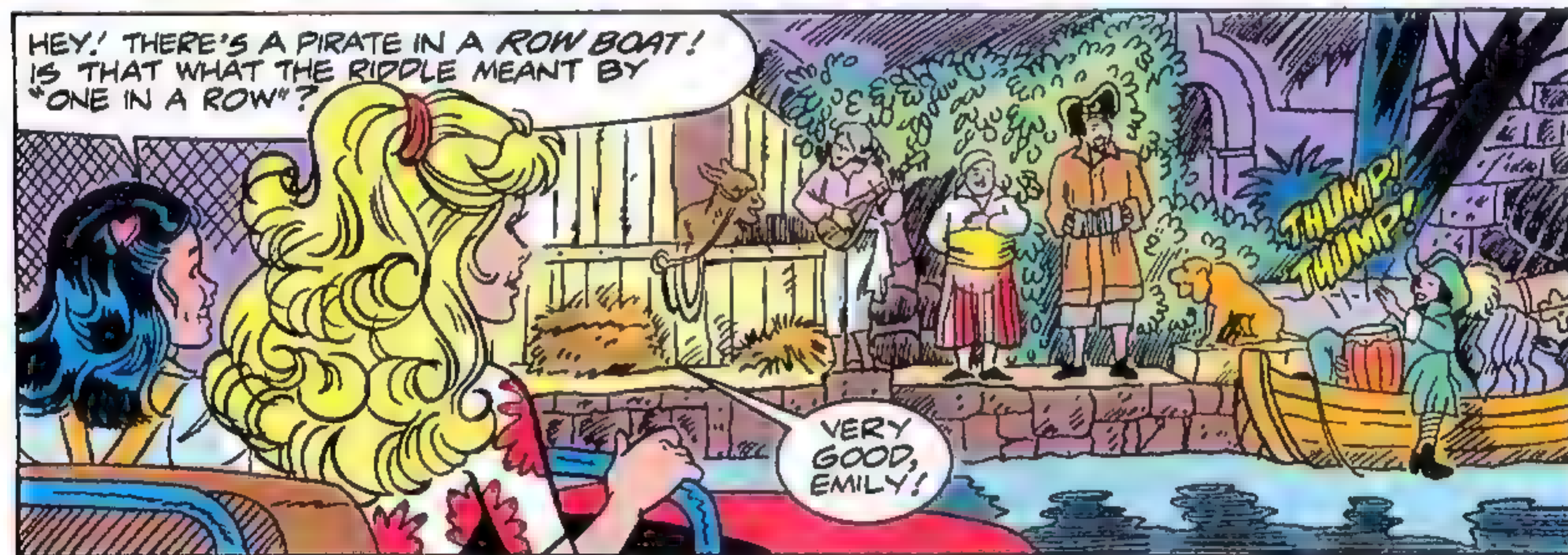
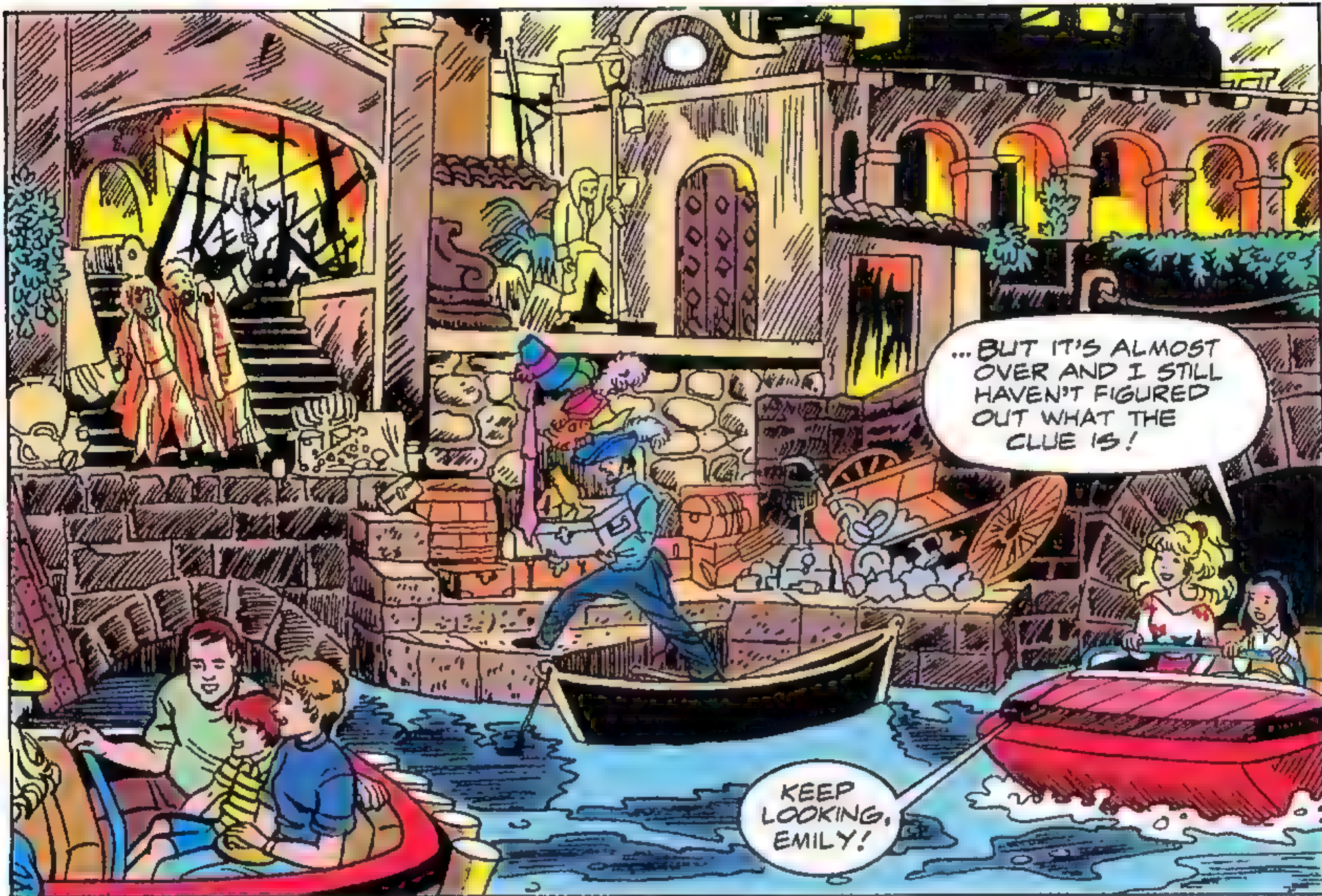
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BITE SIZE CANDIES
WITH REAL FRUIT JUICE



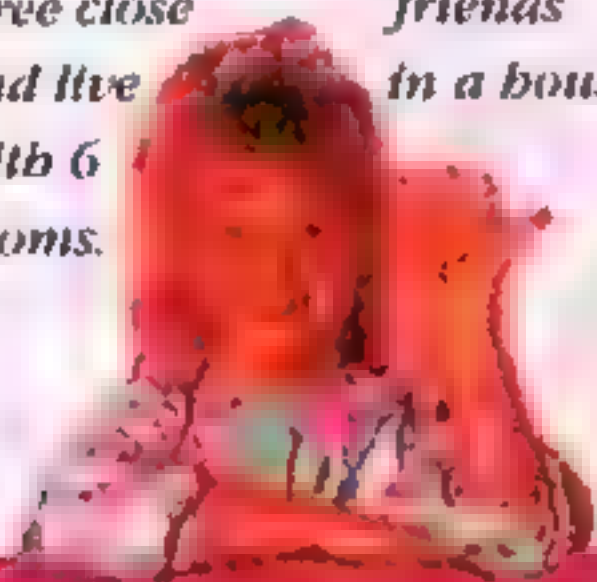
OF FRUIT FLAVORS®



My playmobil! dollhouse!



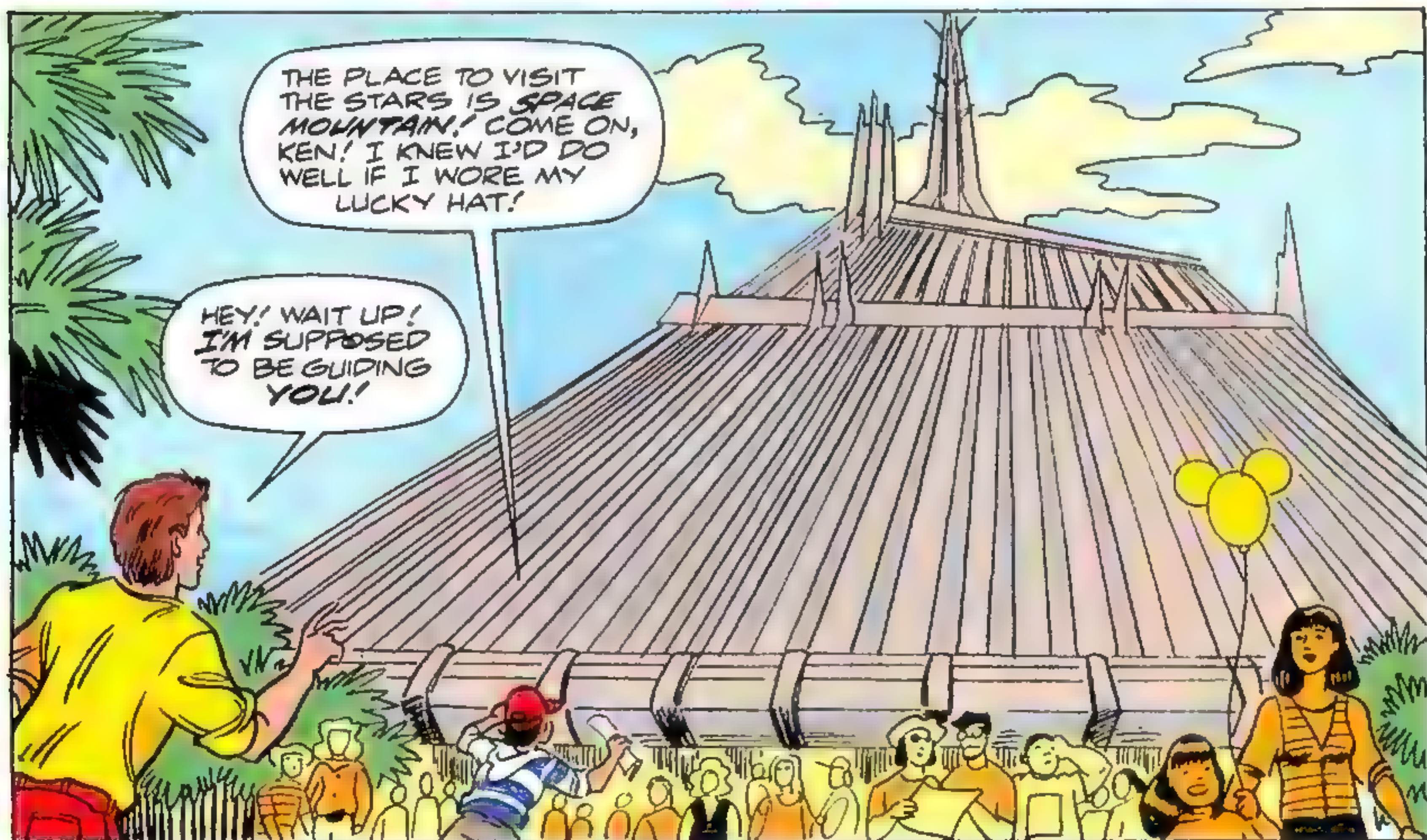
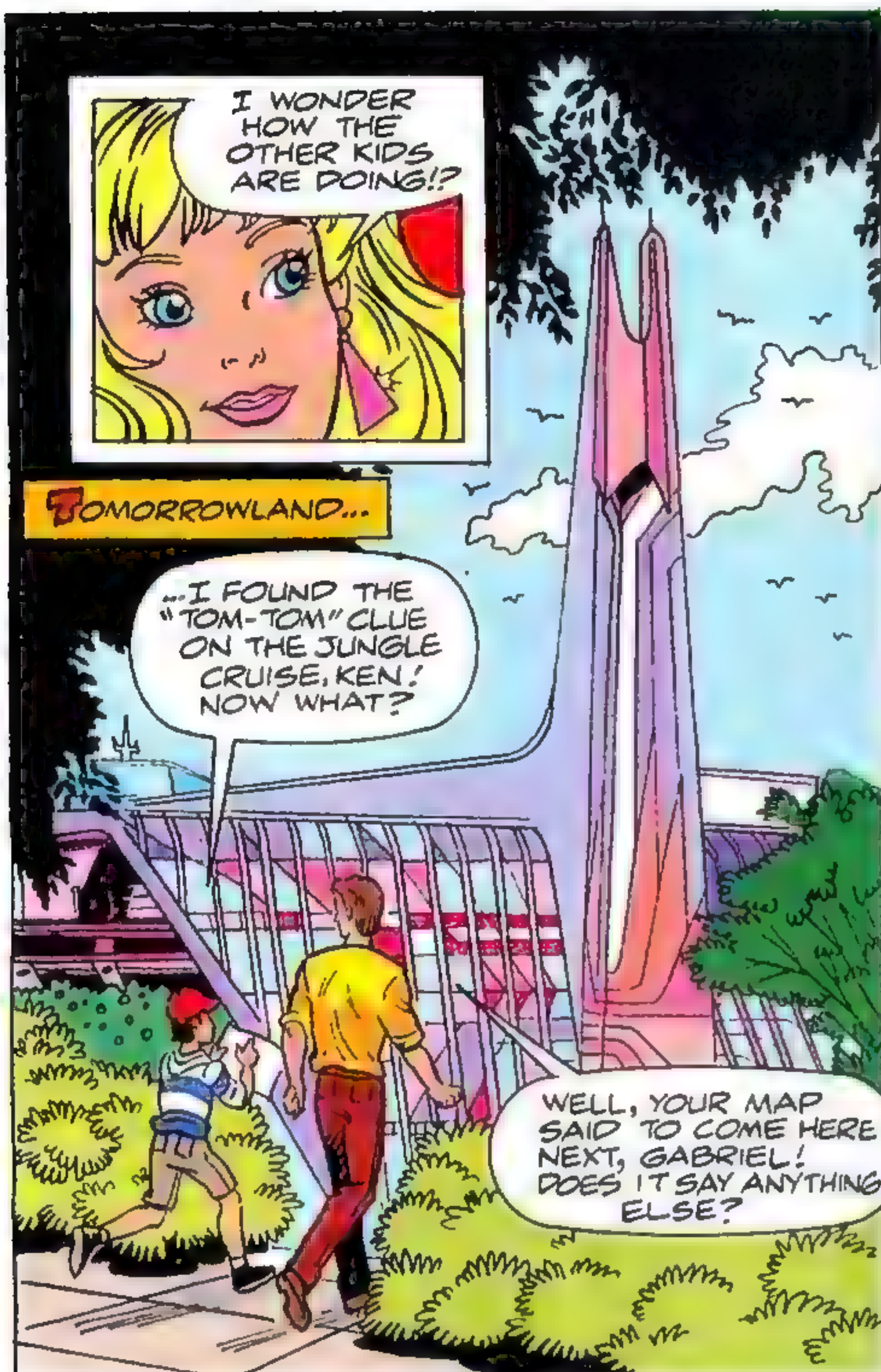
...My name is Nina,
I am 4 years old and I have
three close friends
and live in a house
with 6 rooms.



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ON SPACE MOUNTAIN...

I HAVEN'T SEEN
ANYTHING THAT
LOOKS LIKE A CLUE!
HAVE YOU, KEN?...
KEN?!

SORRY, GABRIEL!
I'M TOO BUSY
DUCKING METEORS!

THE METEOR
SHOWERS OVER,
KEN!

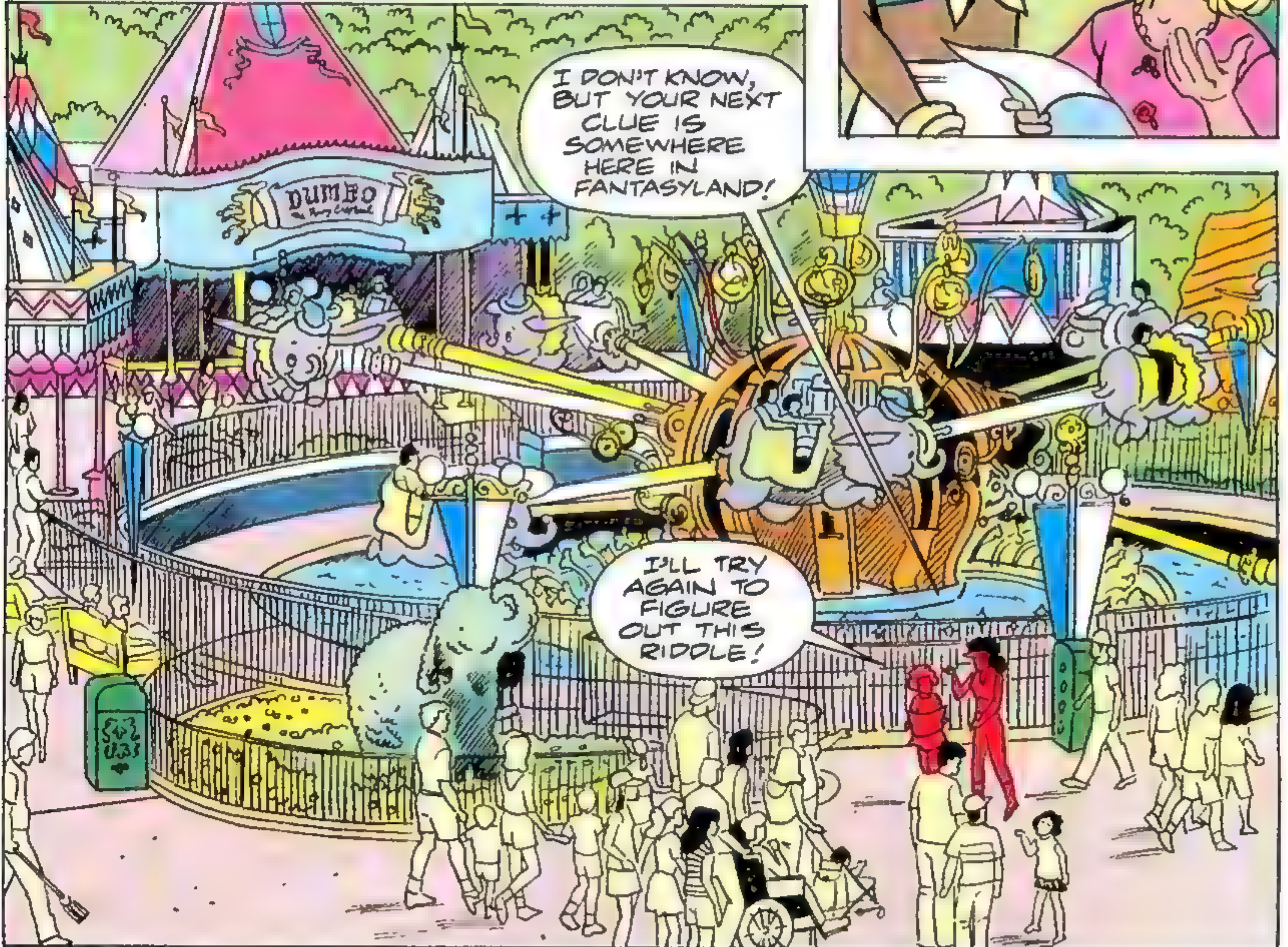
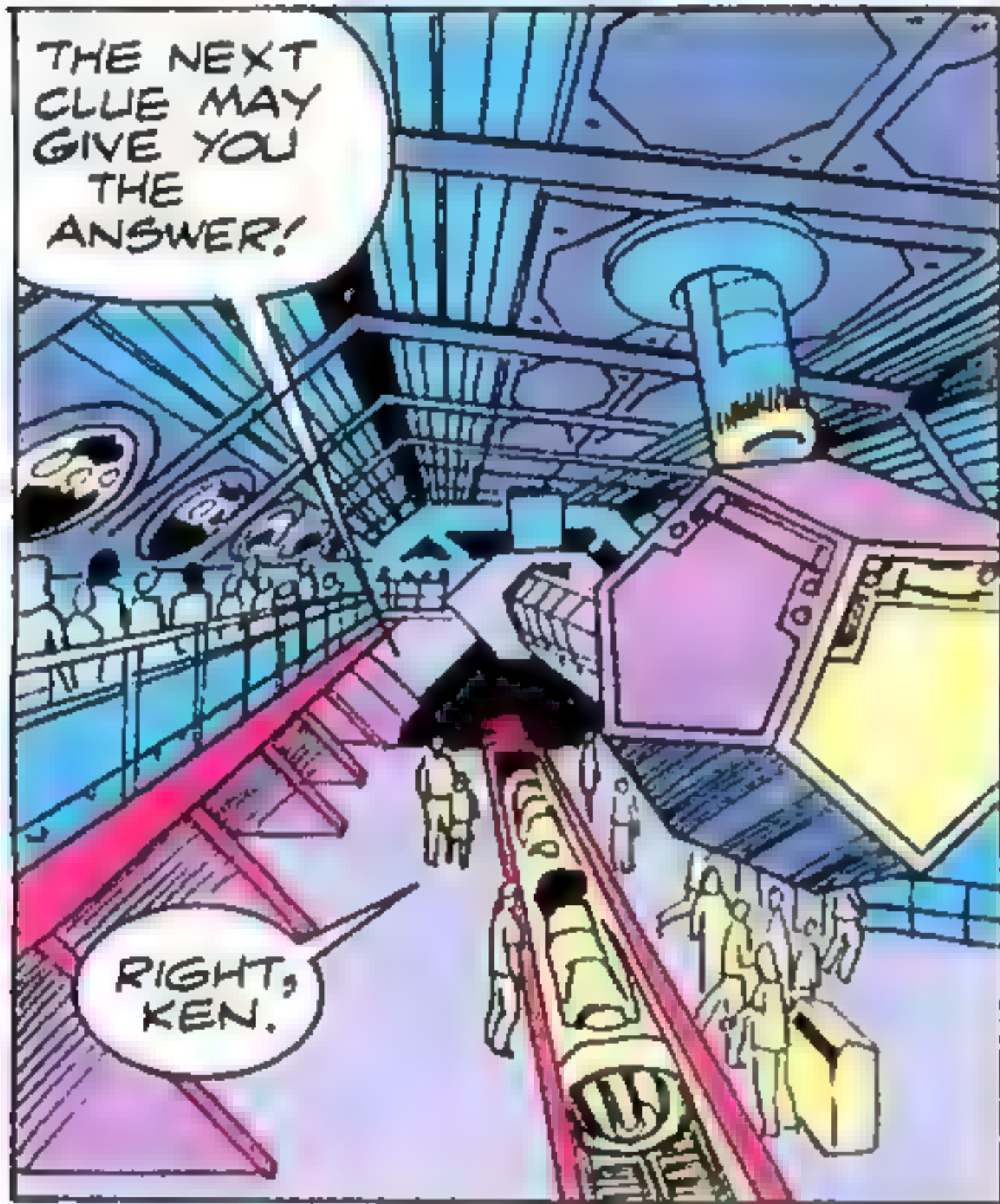
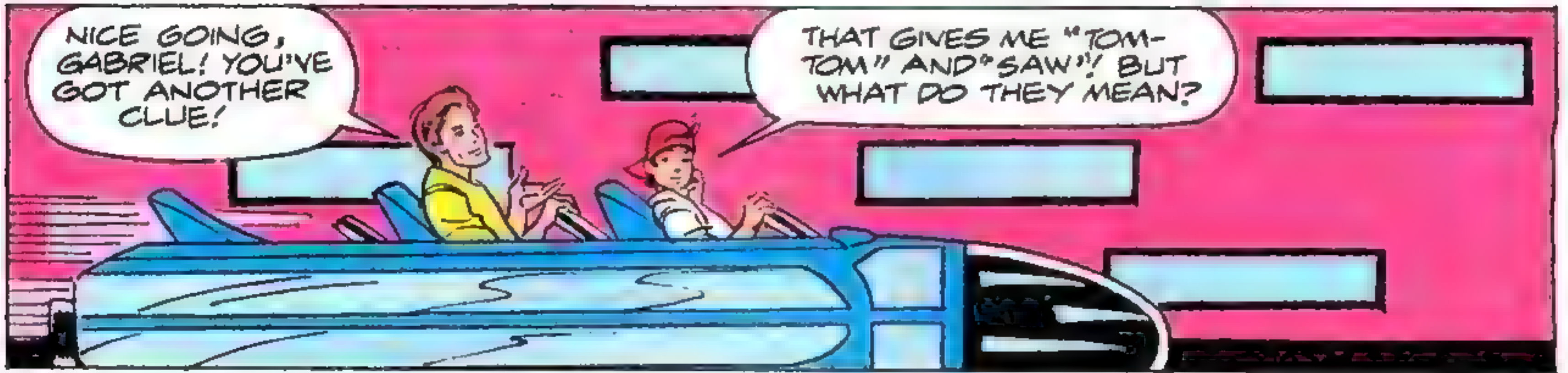
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THERE ARE
ONLY STARS!

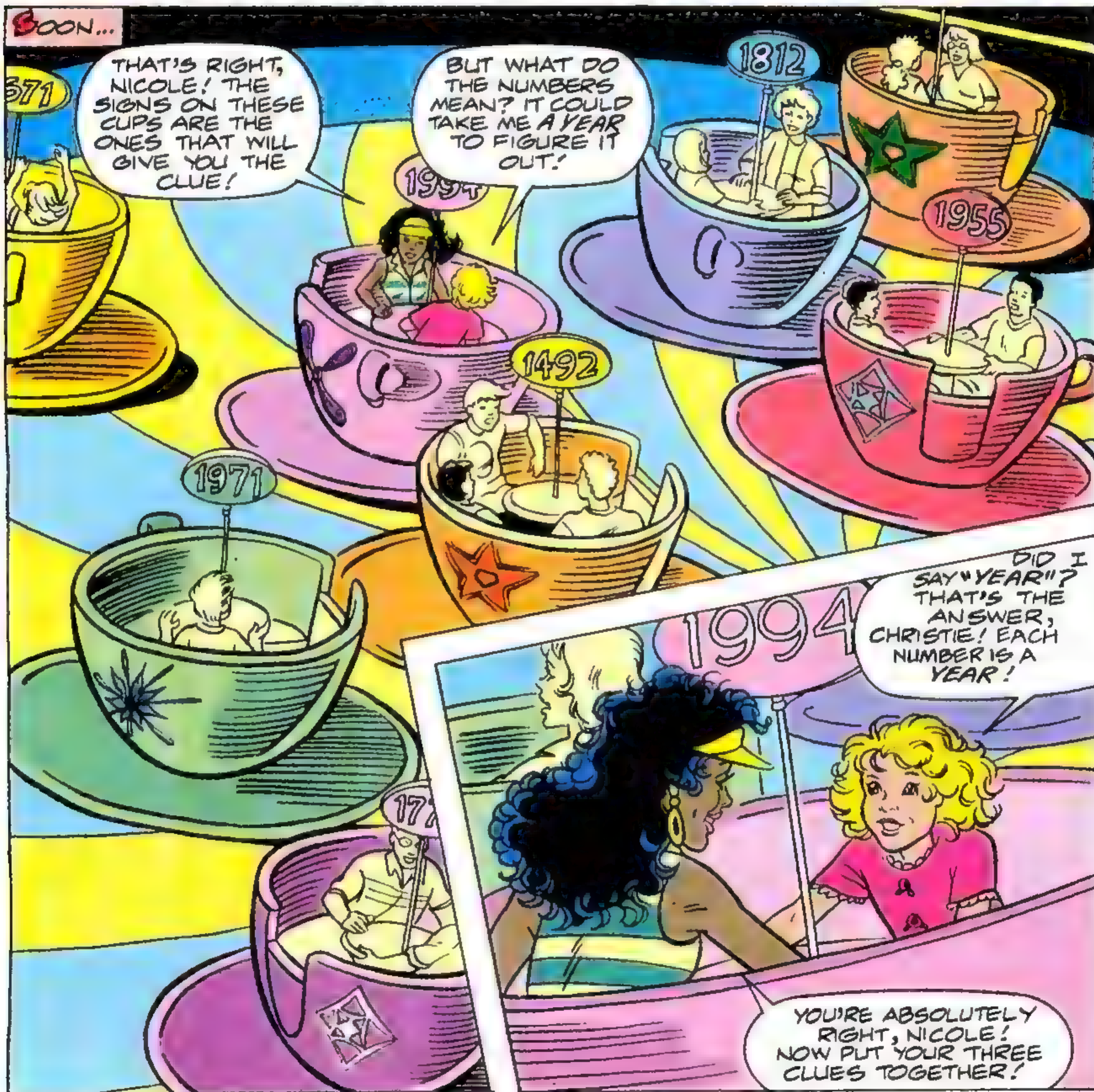
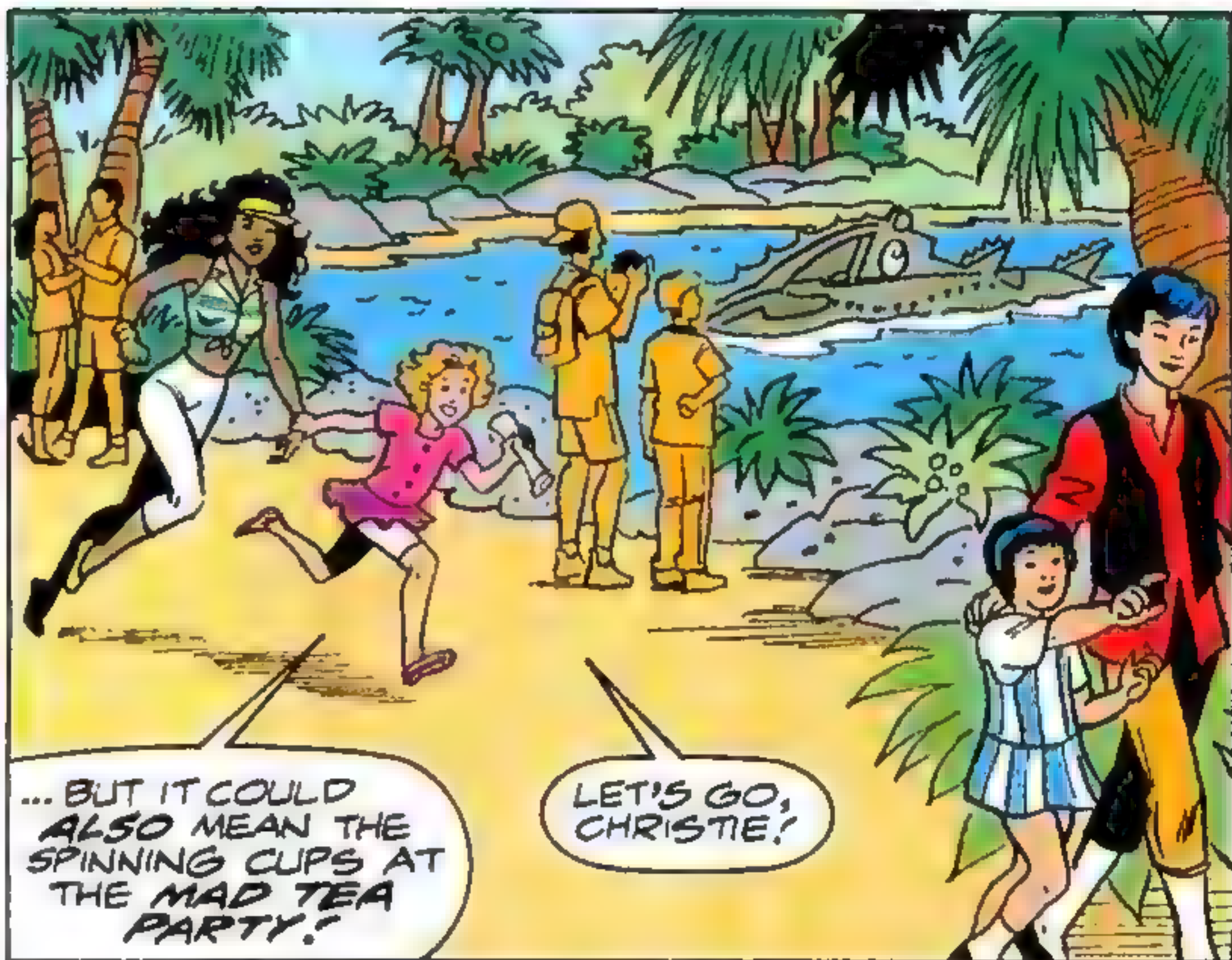
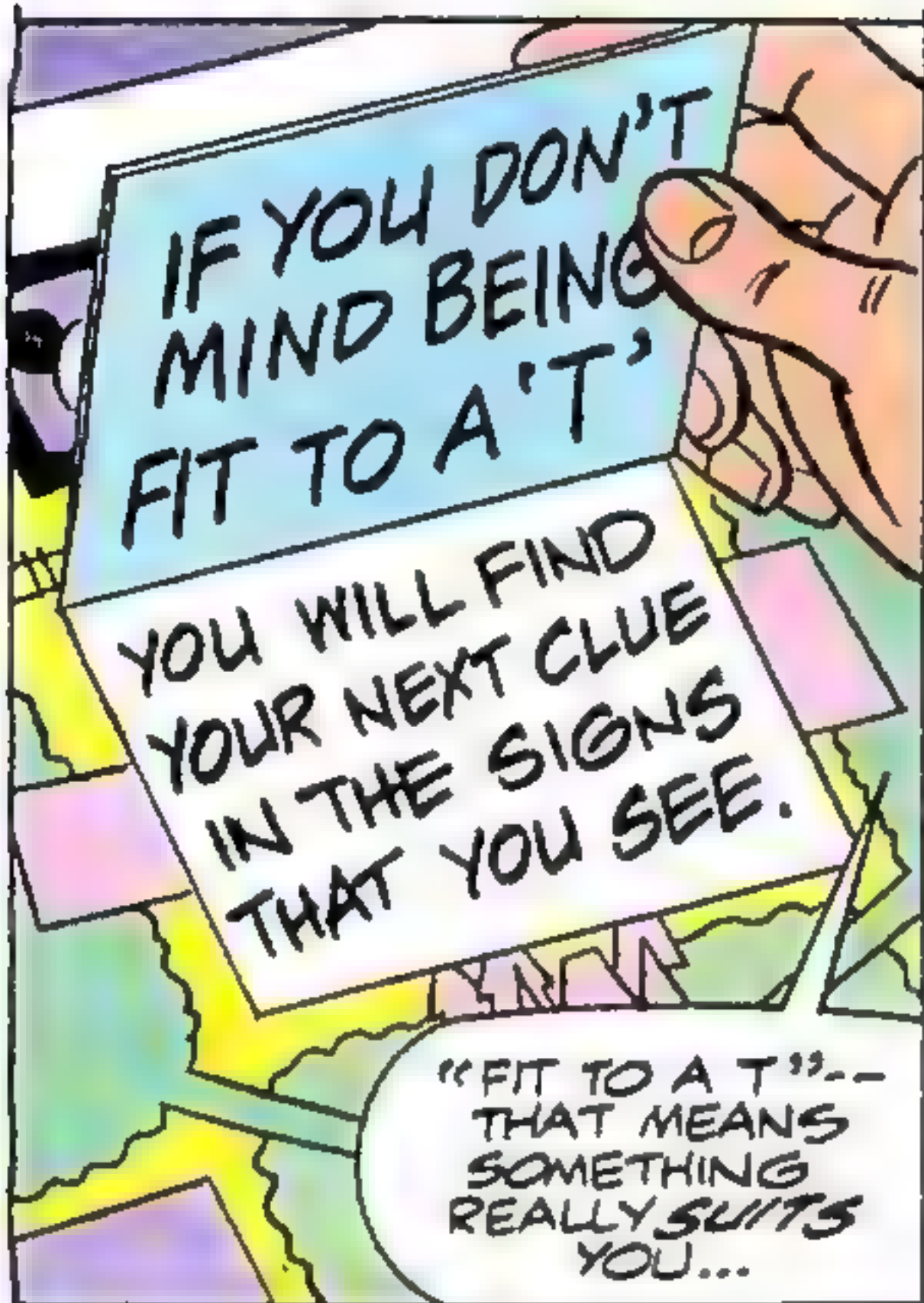
I RECOGNIZE
THAT
CONSTELLATION*!
IT'S THE "BIG DIPPER!"

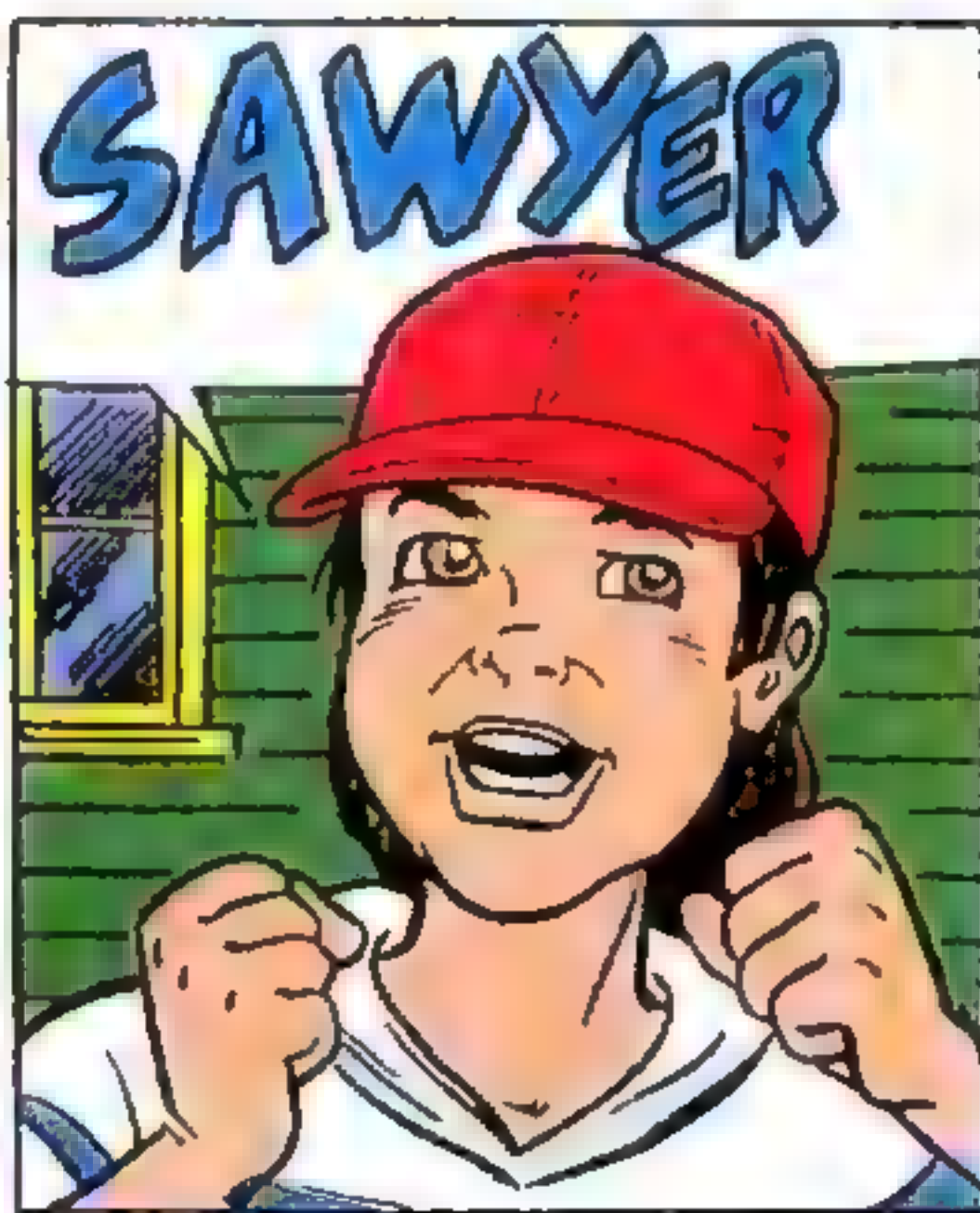
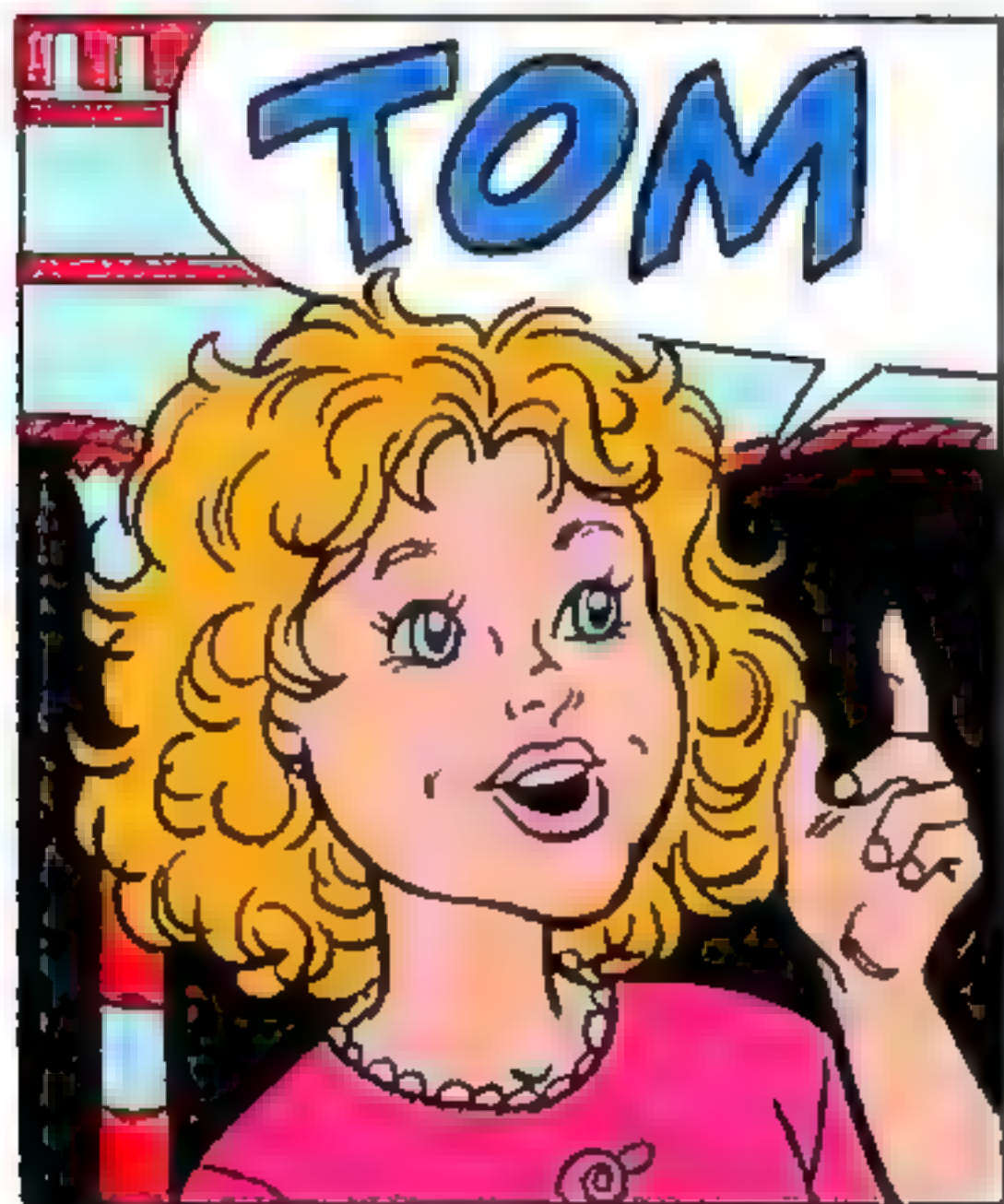
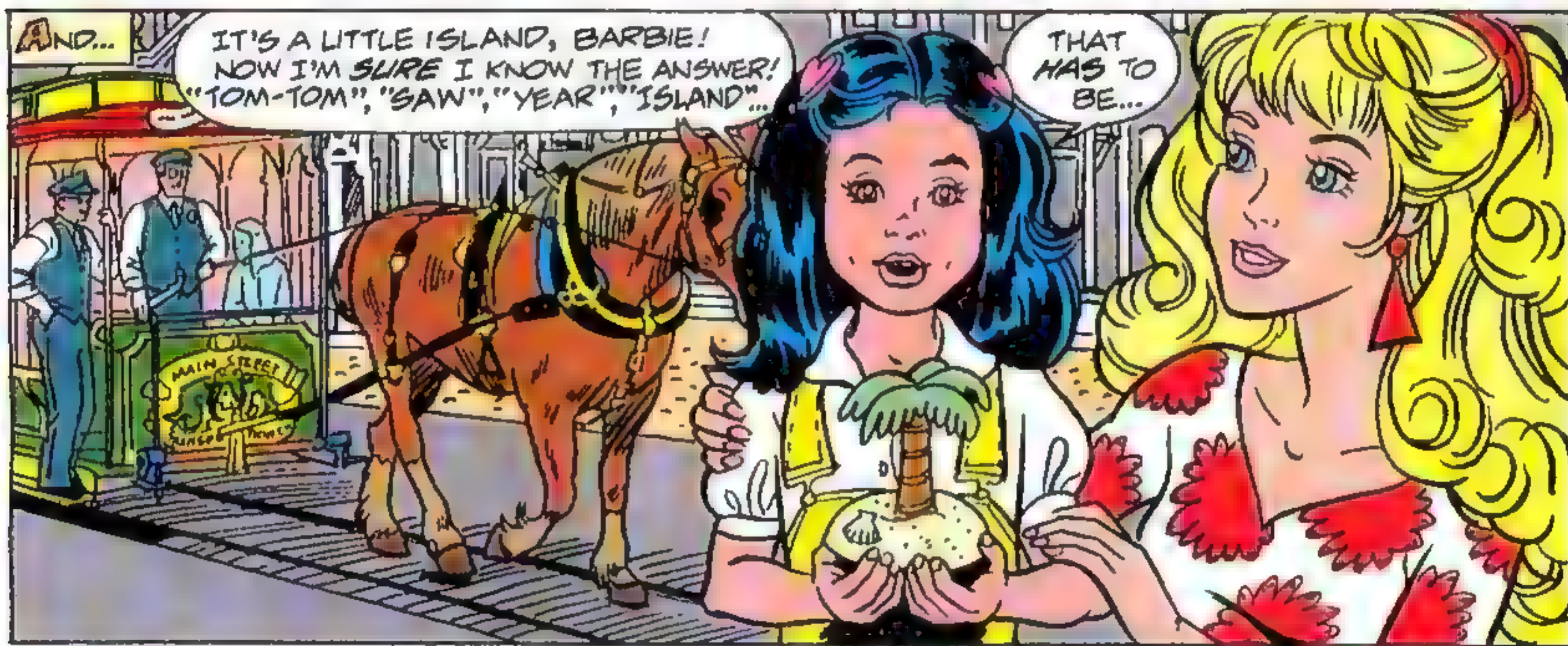
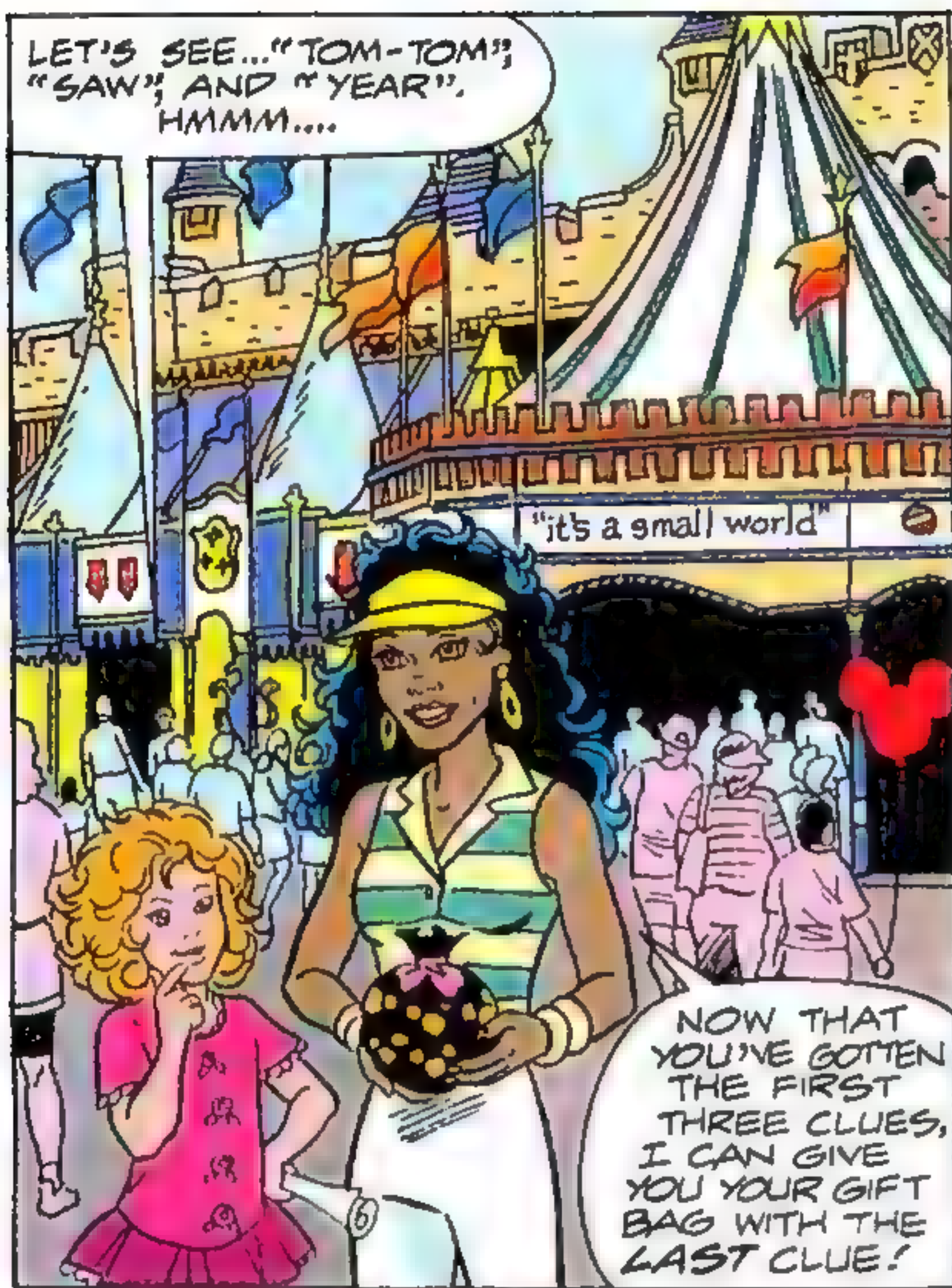
*CONSTELLATION - AN IMAGINARY PICTURE FORMED BY STARS. --- *Hildy*

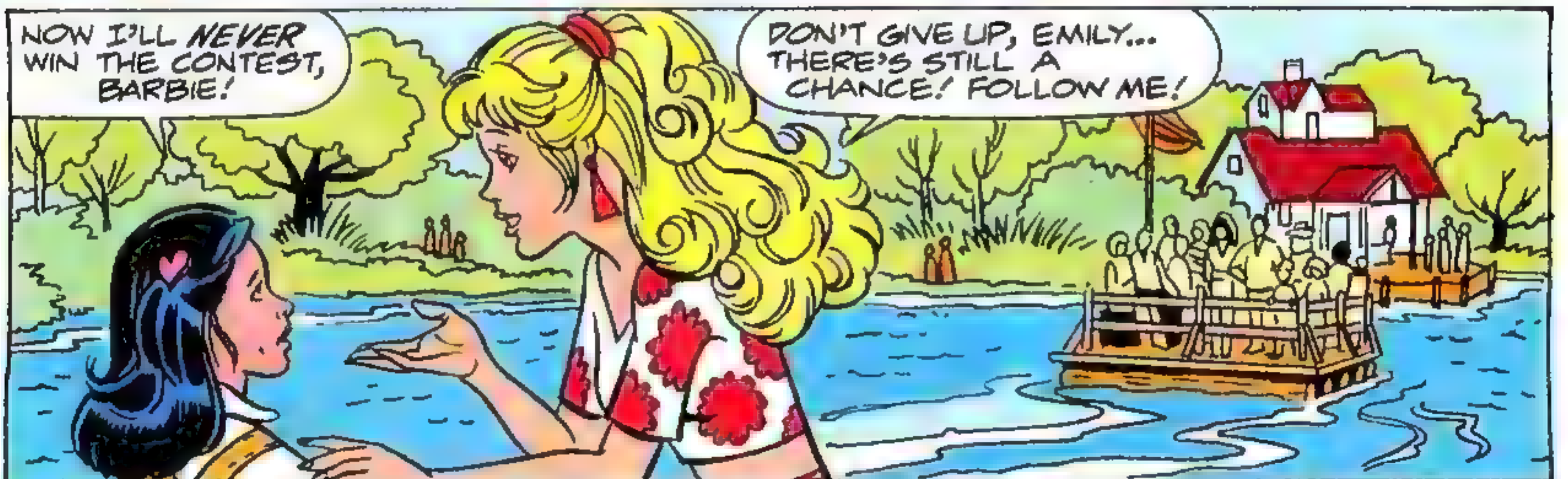
WAIT!
THE RIDDLE
SAID, "WHEN
YOU SEE WHAT YOU'VE
SAW SOMETHING! SAW
MUST BE THE CLUE!"

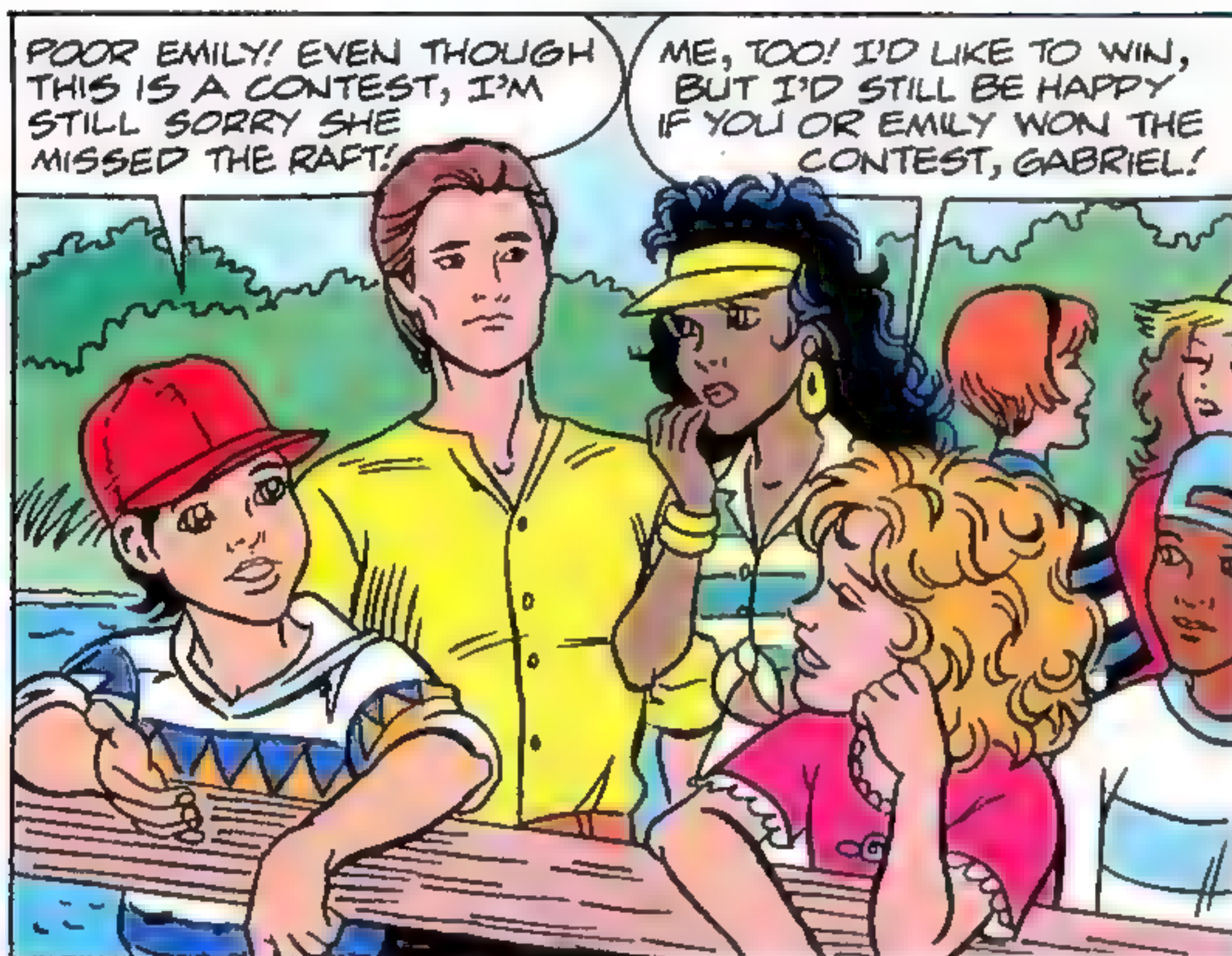
WHAT'S THAT
CONSTELLATION,
KEN? IT'S IN THE
SHAPE OF A
SAW!



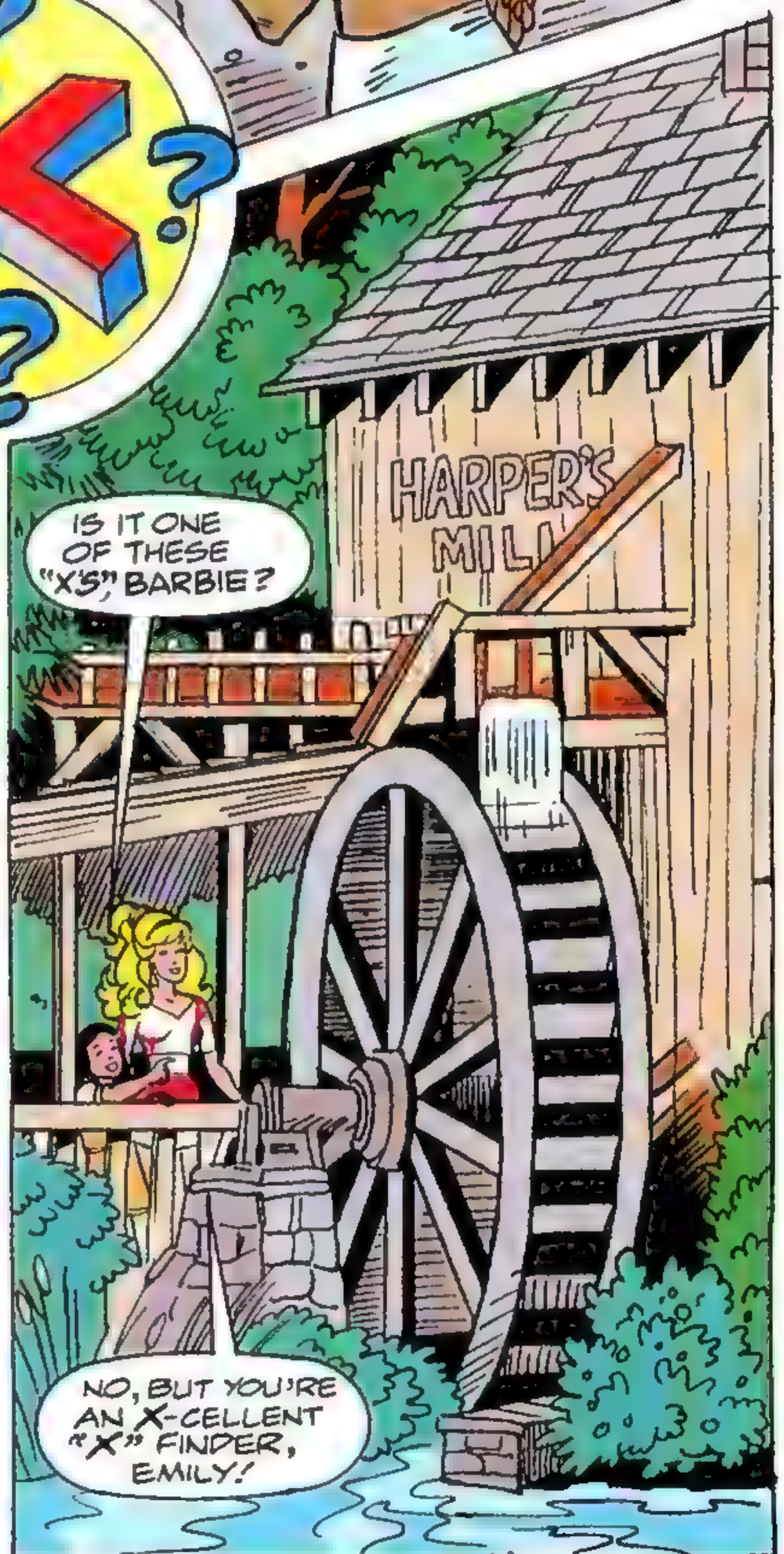
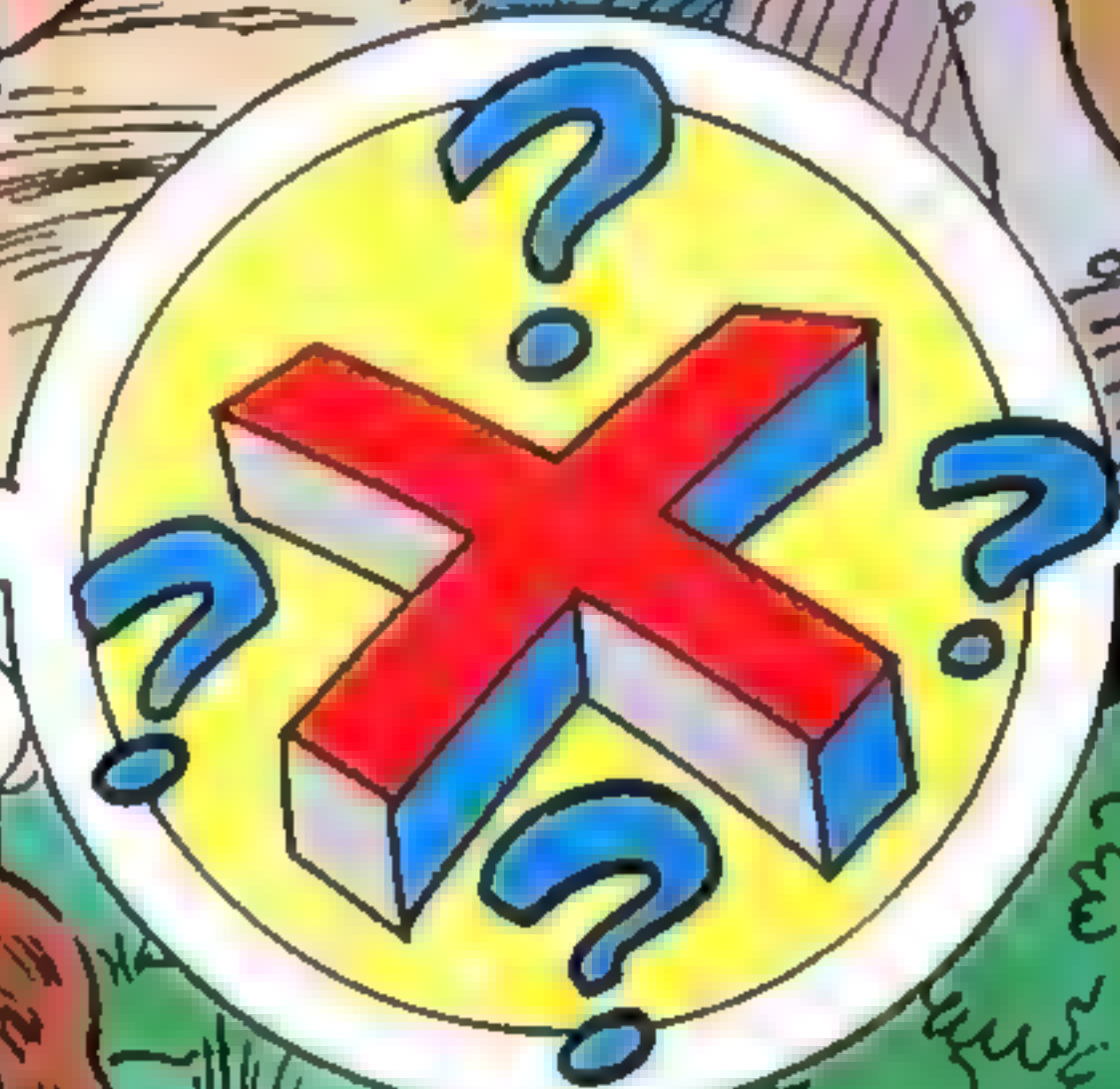
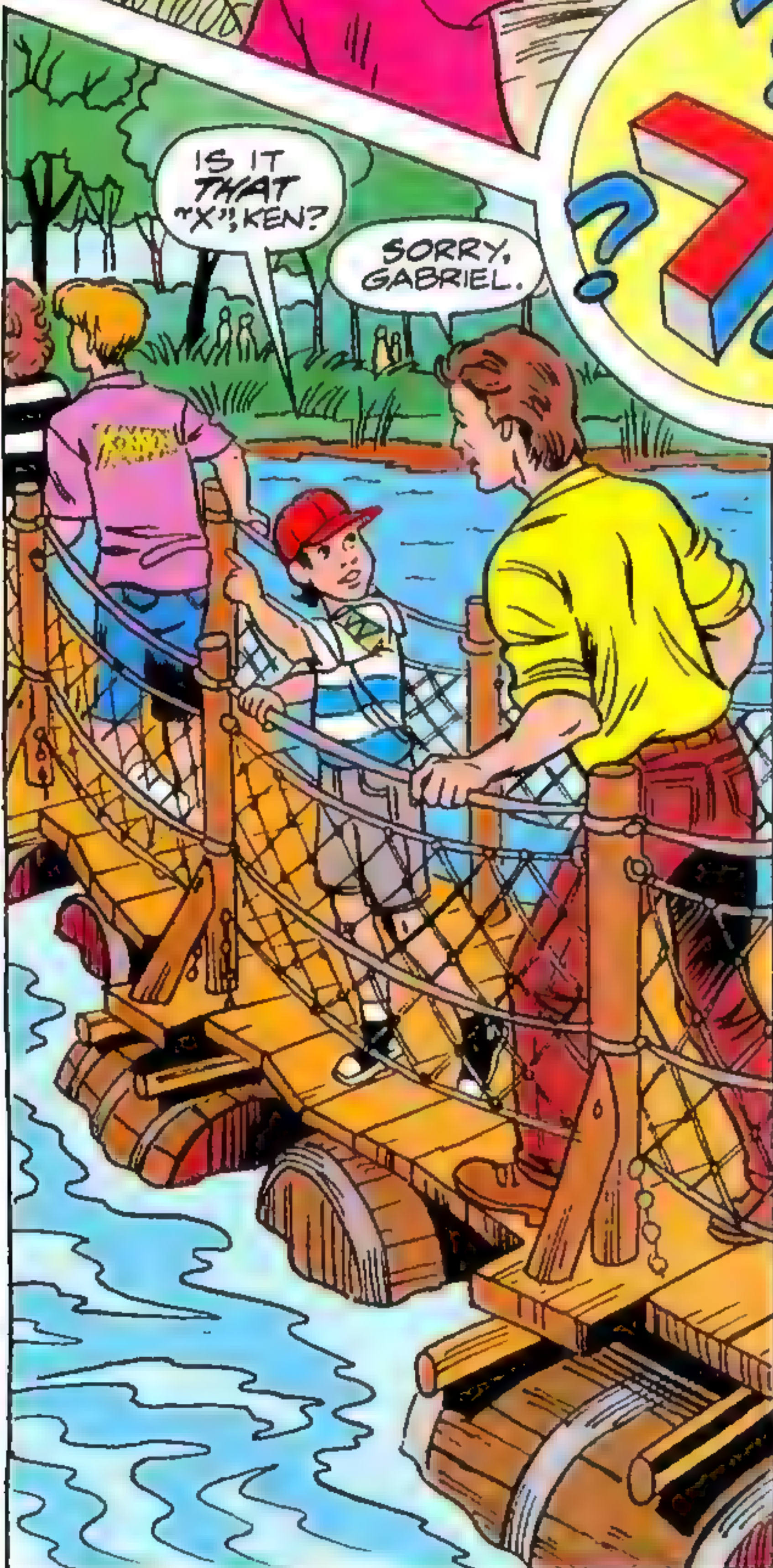






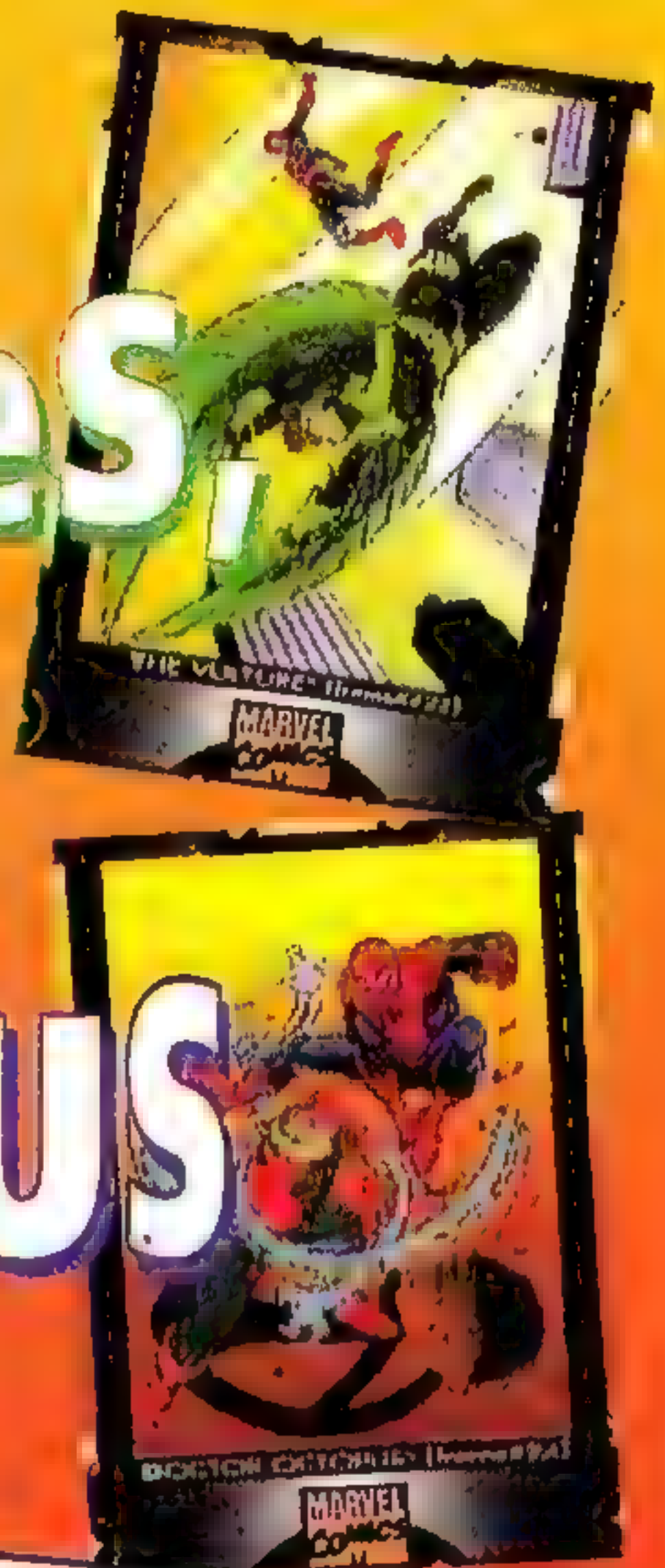


THE THREE CONTESTANTS SEARCH THE ENTIRE ISLAND...



We'RE haPPy to aNnoUnCE tHAt
COOKiE-CriSp® now cOntains

SPIDERS, VULTURES, SCORPIONS, OCTOPUS and moRe!



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even harder to
resist "The
Little Cookies
you can't
resist".

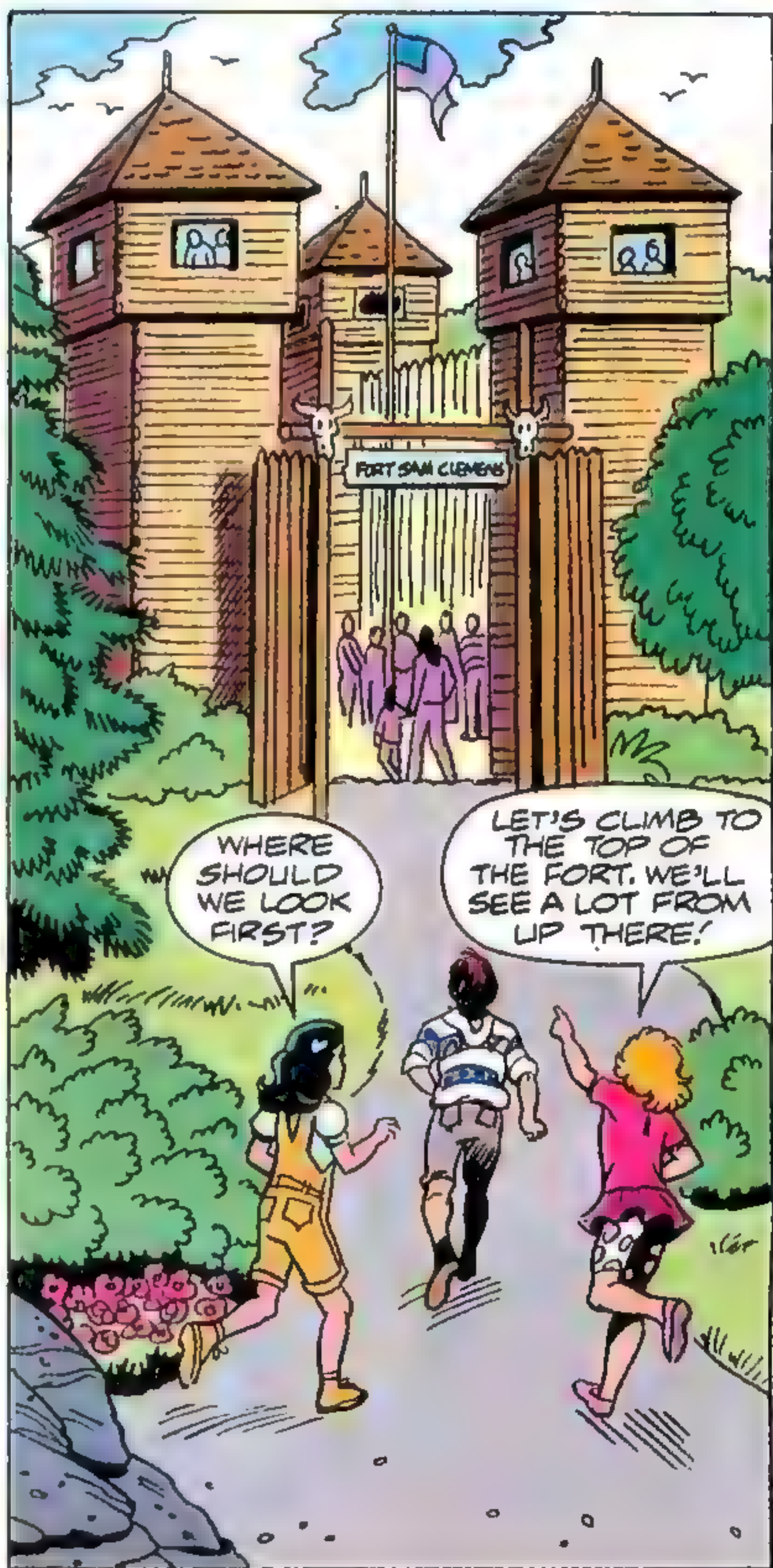
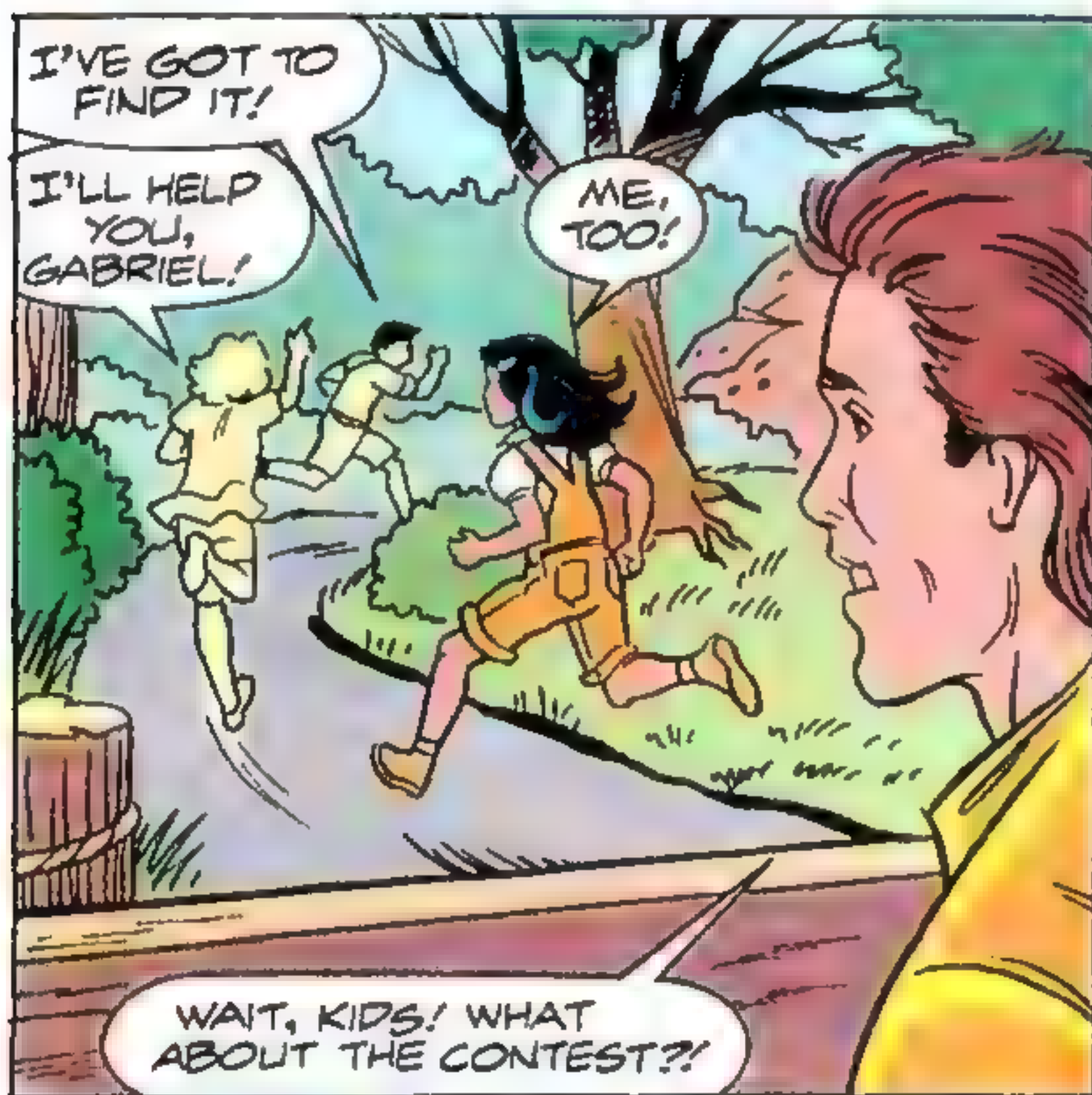
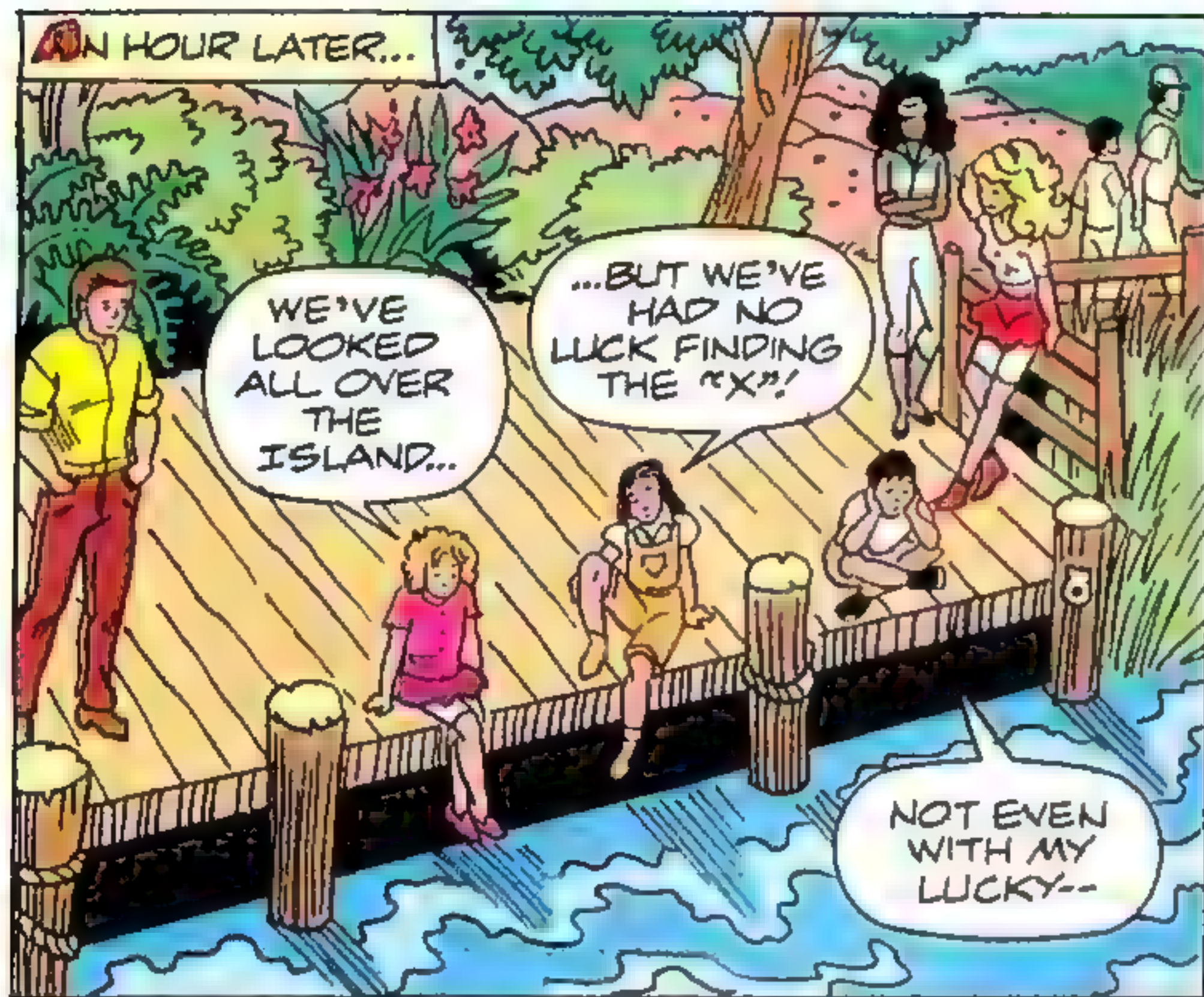
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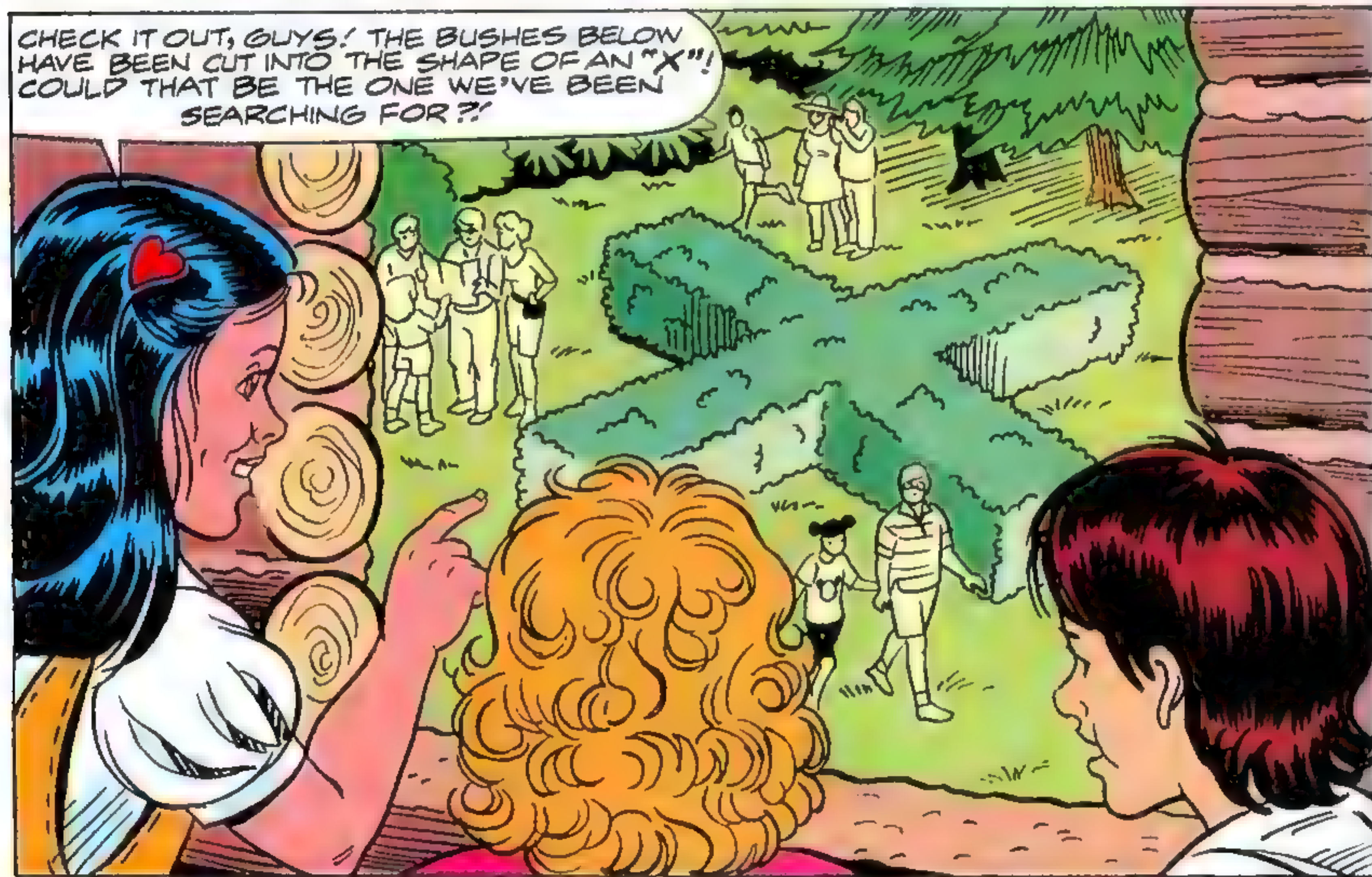
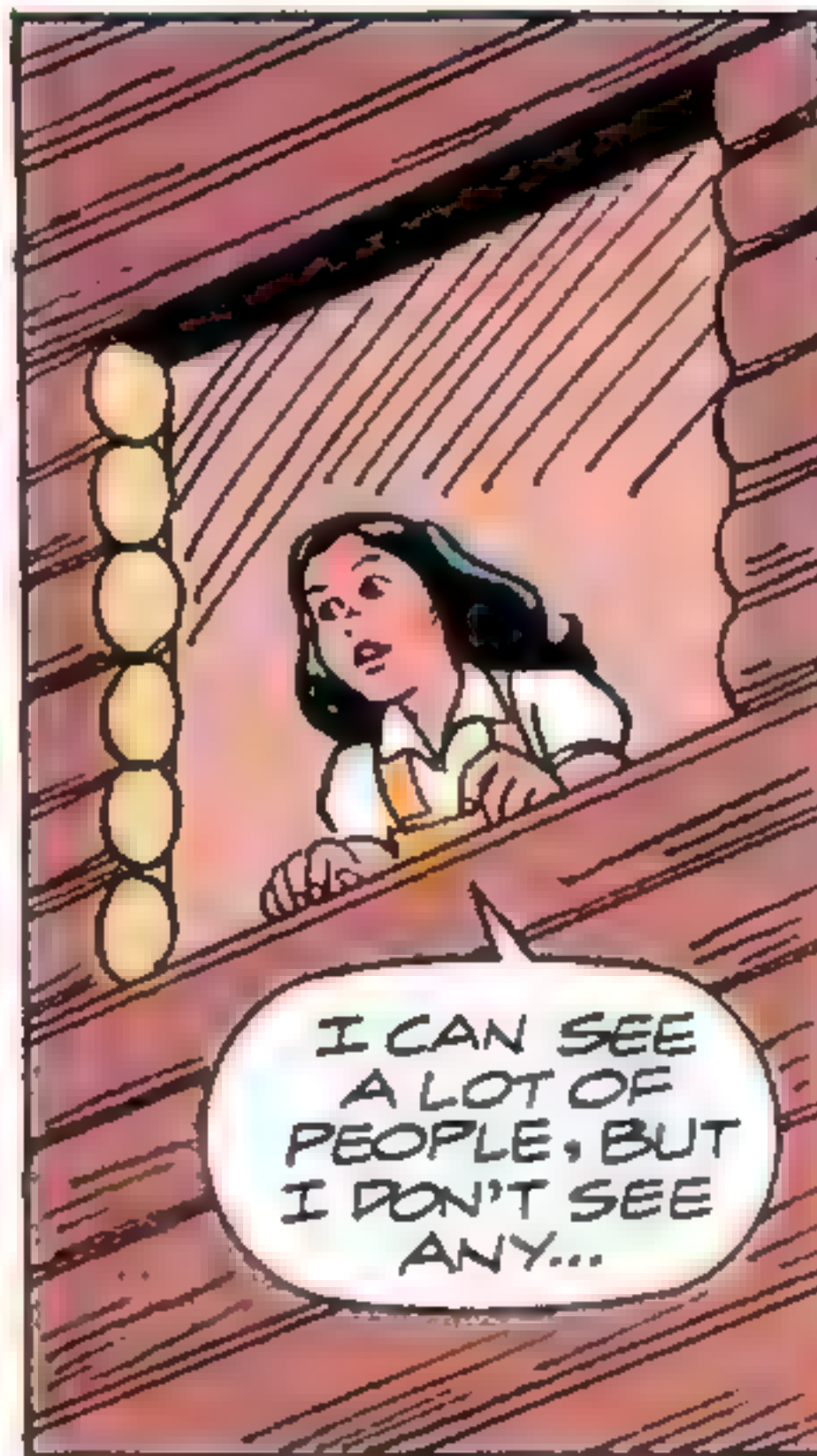
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The
Adventure.*

*Share
The
Romance.*

*Share
The
Glamour.*

*Read **BARBIE**
And
BARBIE FASHION
Monthly From*



What's the best ~~part~~ part of
Peanut Butter Crunch's taste?



It's all...

Peanut
butter



PEANUT BUTTER



I just love
the taste

of
peanut
butter

I can't
butter!!

peanut
butter

peanut
butter

PEANUT
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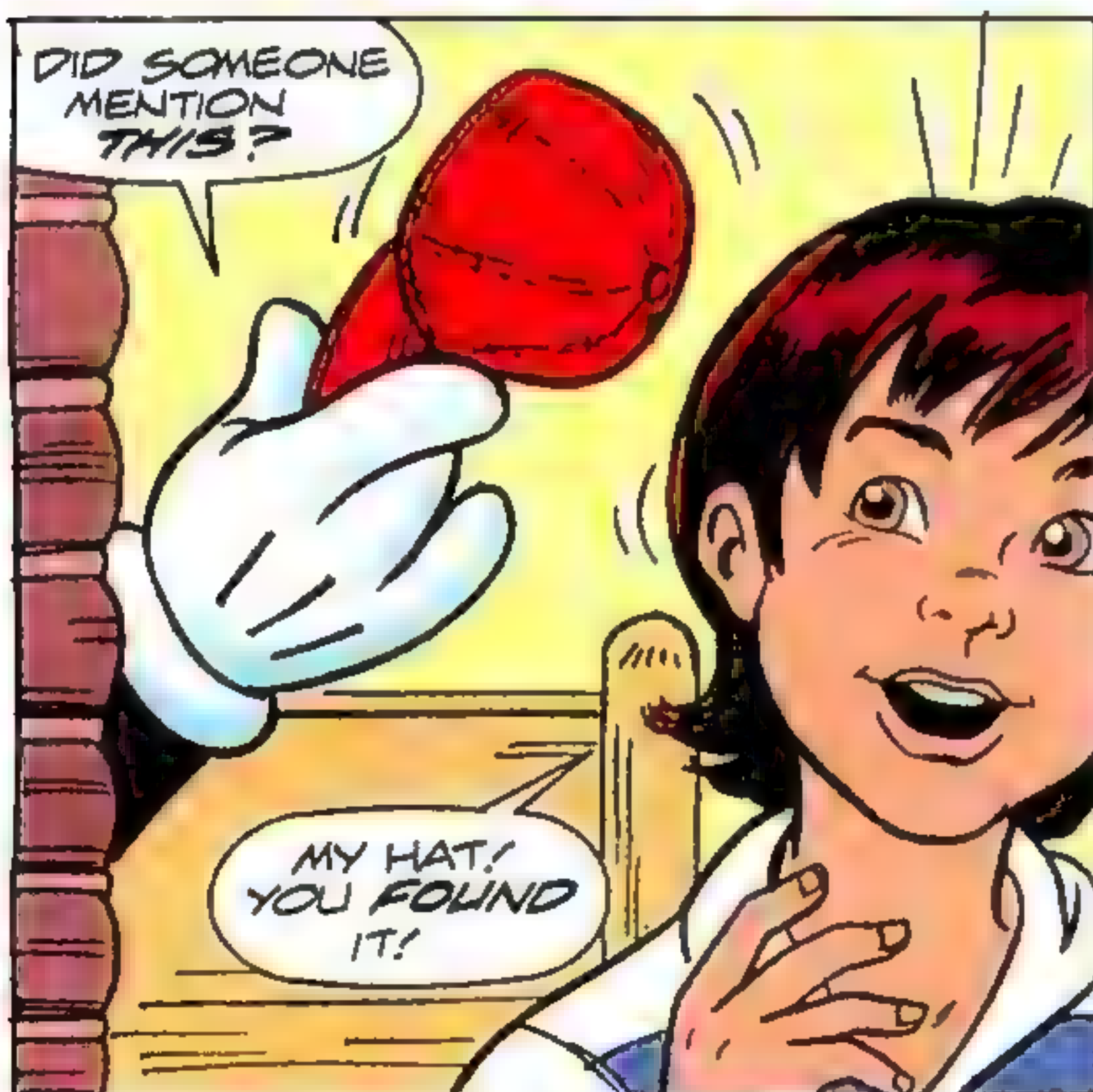
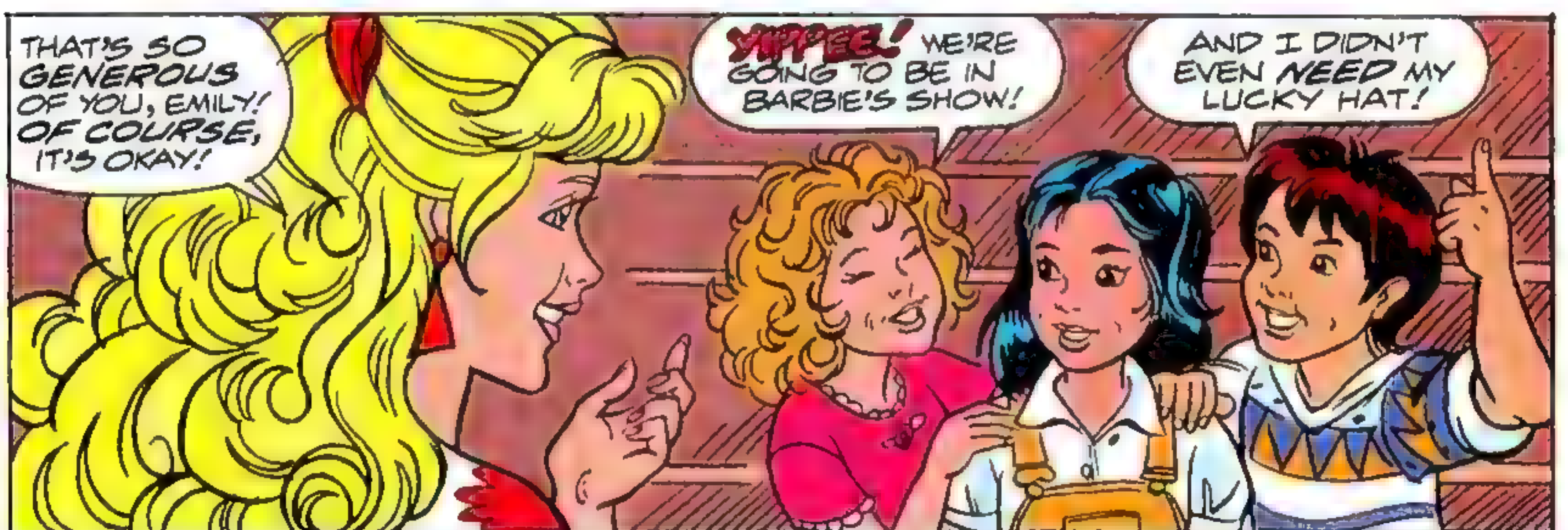
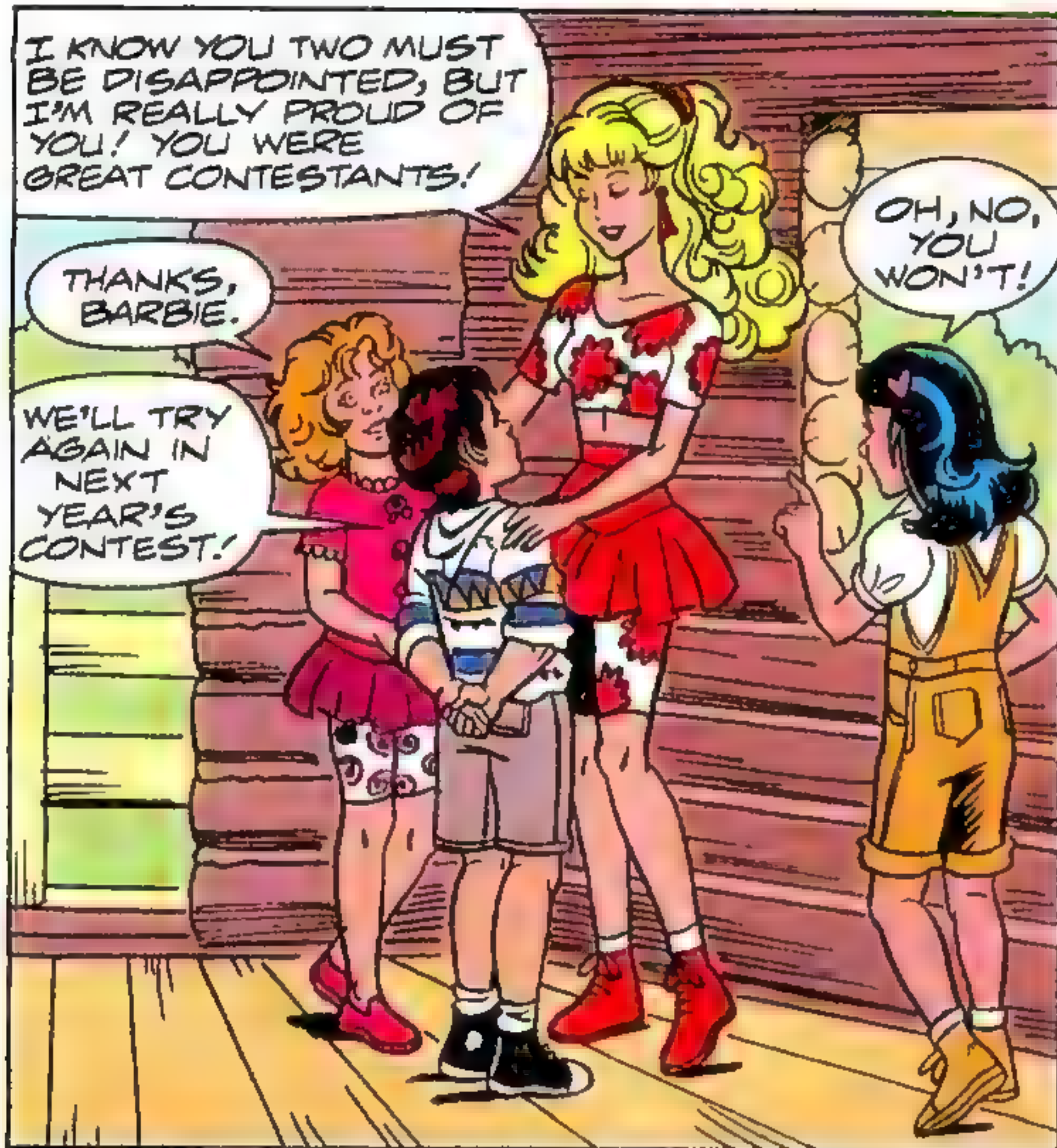
peanut
butter

the Crunch that Screams

peanut
butter



yum
yum



AND SO, THE FOLLOWING EVENING...



JUST AS THERE
ARE BILLIONS
OF STARS IN THE
UNIVERSE...

...THERE ARE
BILLIONS OF
CHILDREN
IN THE WORLD...

...AND THERE IS
ROOM FOR EVERY
ONE OF THEM TO
SHINE!

The
End

Barbie™ **IN**

SEE YOU LATER, CHRISTMAS GATOR!

PART 1: THE JOURNEY BEGINS

OH, SANTA!
I JUST HEARD
THE WEATHER
REPORT ON MY
SHORT-WAVE
RADIO.

A BIG STORM
IS BREWING
OVER GEORGIA!
MAYBE YOU
SHOULD STAY
IN TONIGHT!

NONSENSE, MY
DEAR! CHRISTMAS
ONLY COMES ONCE
A YEAR.

SINCE WHEN HAS
A LITTLE RAIN
STOPPED ME?

NEVER, SANTA.
NOT ONCE
THAT I CAN
RECALL.

OF COURSE,
I'VE ONLY
WORKED WITH
YOU FOR SIX
MONTHS.

CAPALDI • LUCAS

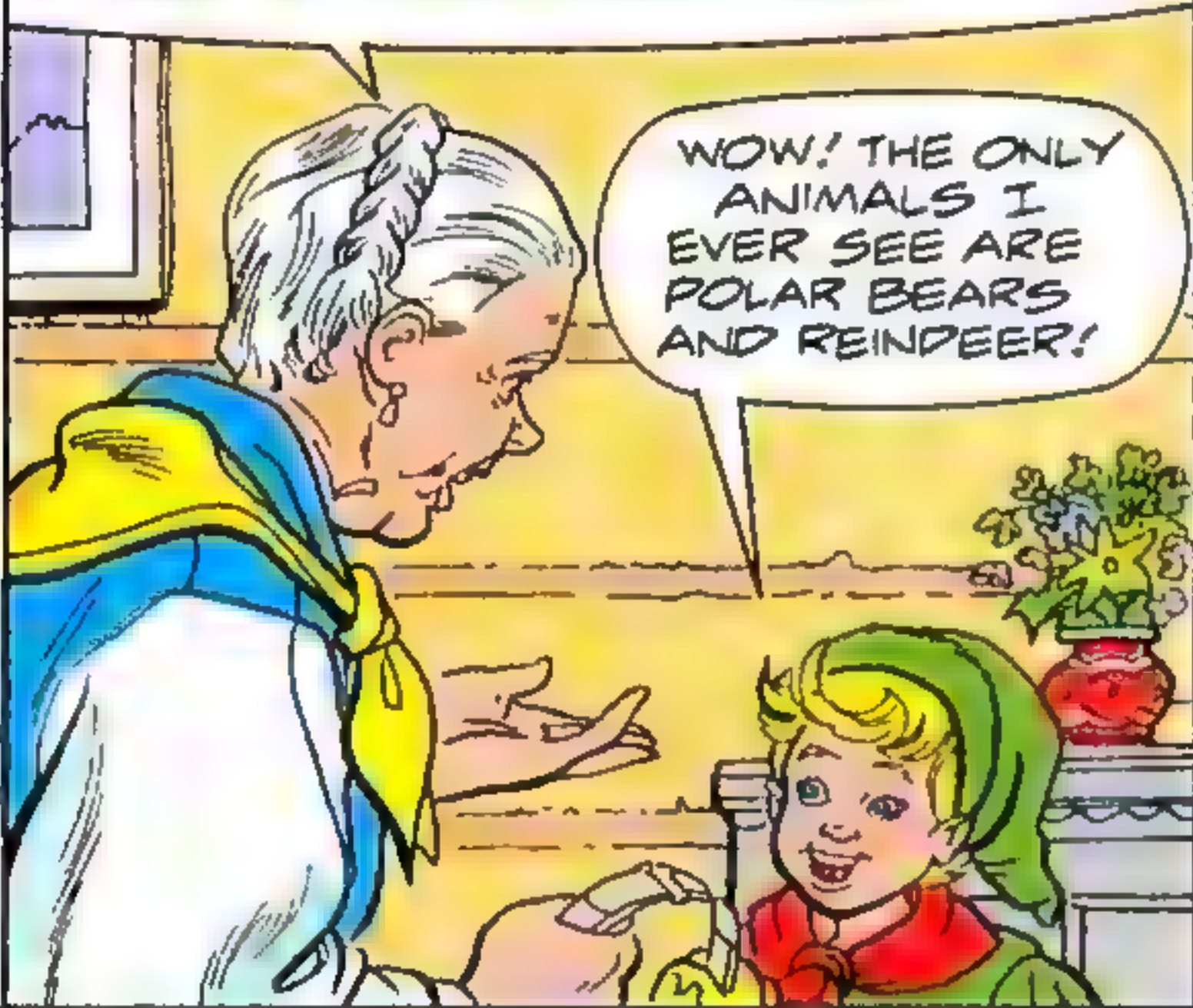
BESIDES, BARBIE AND
SKIPPER ARE VISITING
THEIR FRIENDS, RANGER
TAYLOR AND HIS DAUGHTER,
TONI, IN THE OKEFENOKEE*
SWAMP!

OH, SANTA, IT WOULDN'T
FEEL LIKE CHRISTMAS IF
YOU DIDN'T BRING THEM
THEIR PRESENTS!

WHAT'S AN
OKEY-DOKEY-FENOCKEE?

*OH-KEE-FEN-OH-KEE...Hildy.

CHARLIE, YOU MEAN **OKEFENOCKEE**. IT'S A MYSTERIOUS SWAMP IN **GEORGIA** FILLED WITH GREAT BLUE HERON, TURTLES, OTTERS, AND EVEN ALLIGATORS!

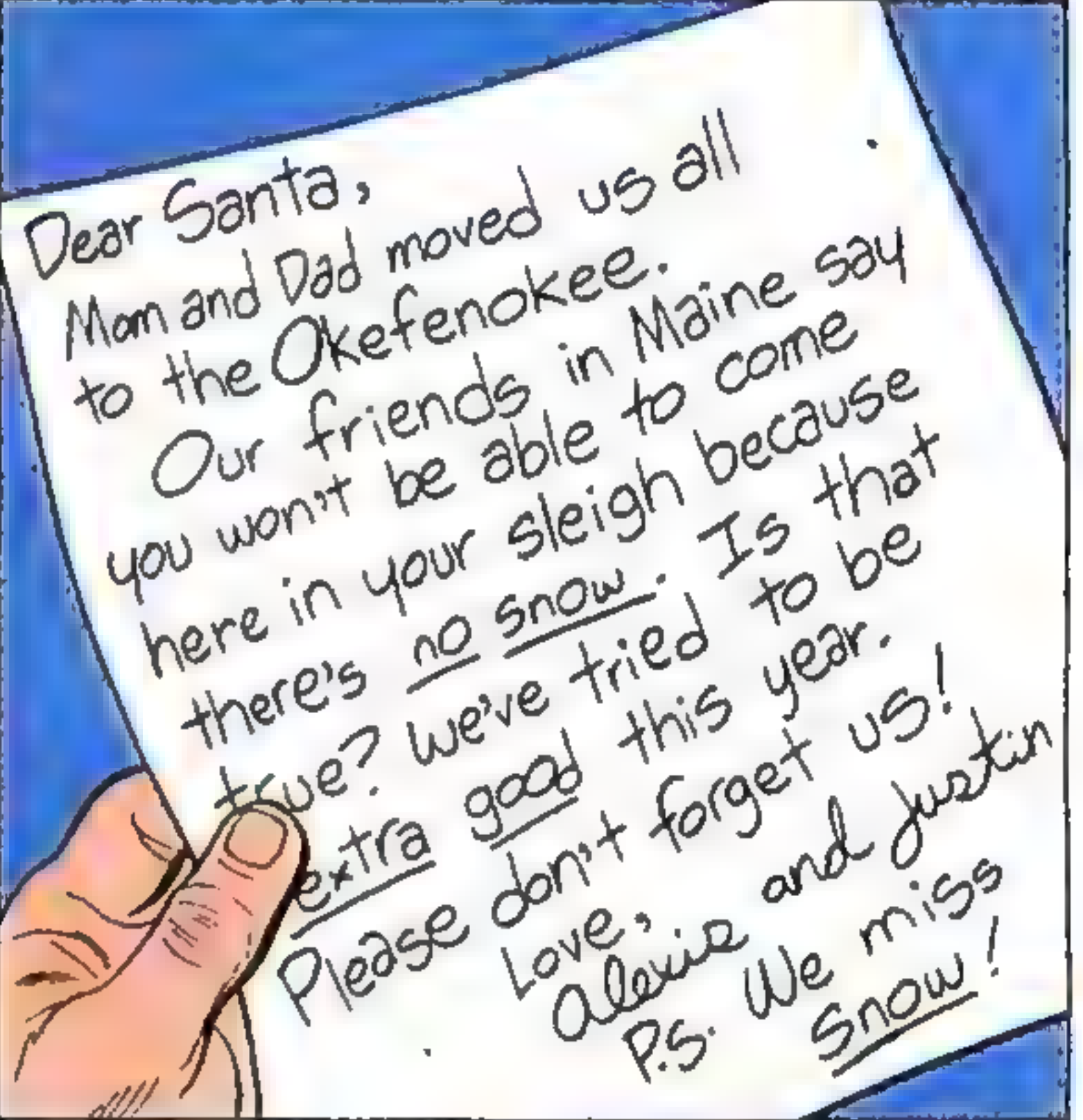


BARBIE AND SKIPPER AREN'T THE ONLY ONES I WANT TO VISIT.

LOTS OF CHILDREN HAVE WRITTEN AND I WANT TO LEAVE PRESENTS FOR THEM ALL!



HERE'S A SPECIAL LETTER FROM **ALEXIS AND JUSTIN**!



OH, SANTA, YOU CAN'T DISAPPOINT ALEXIS AND JUSTIN,

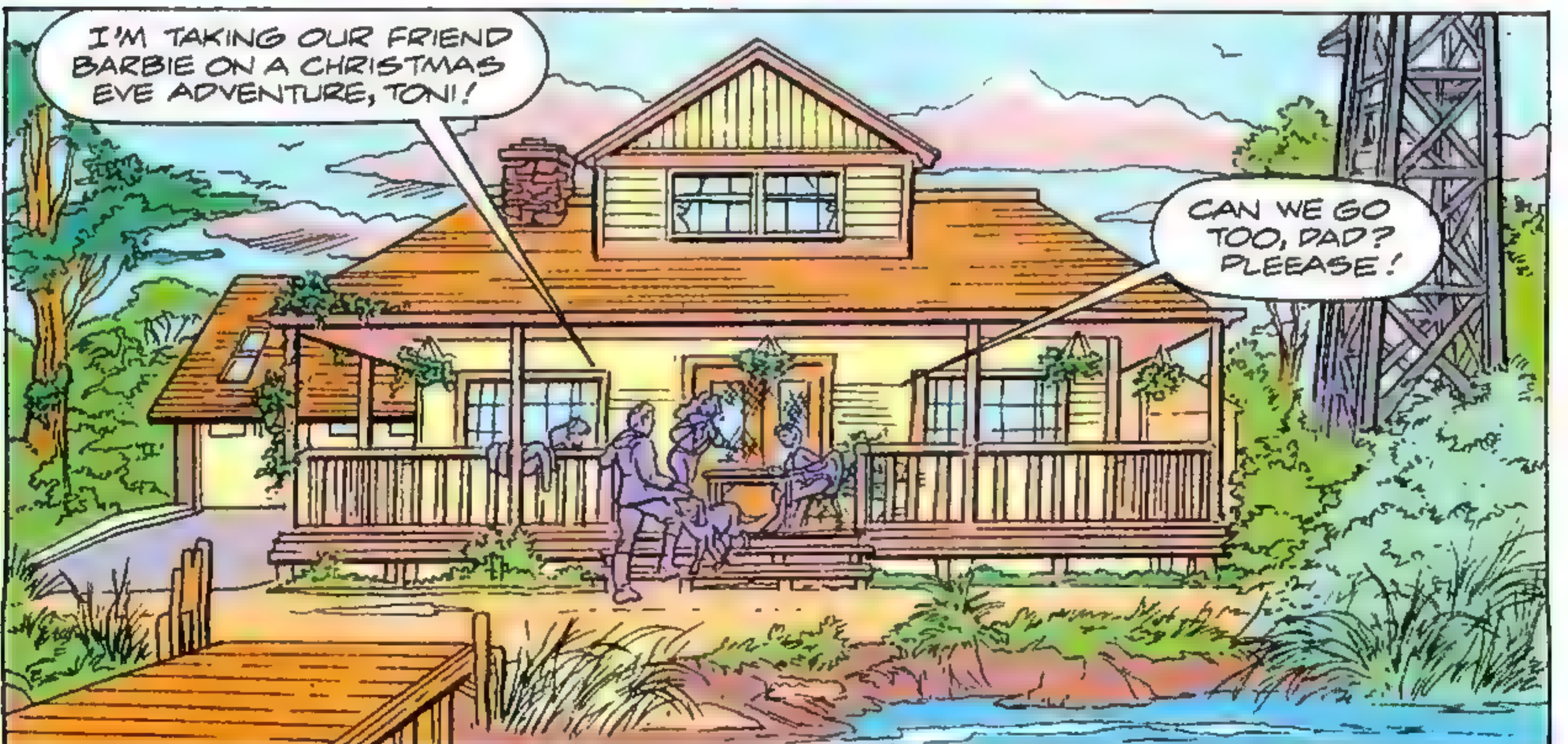
I'M GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND, DEAR. STORM OR NO STORM... I'M ON MY WAY!

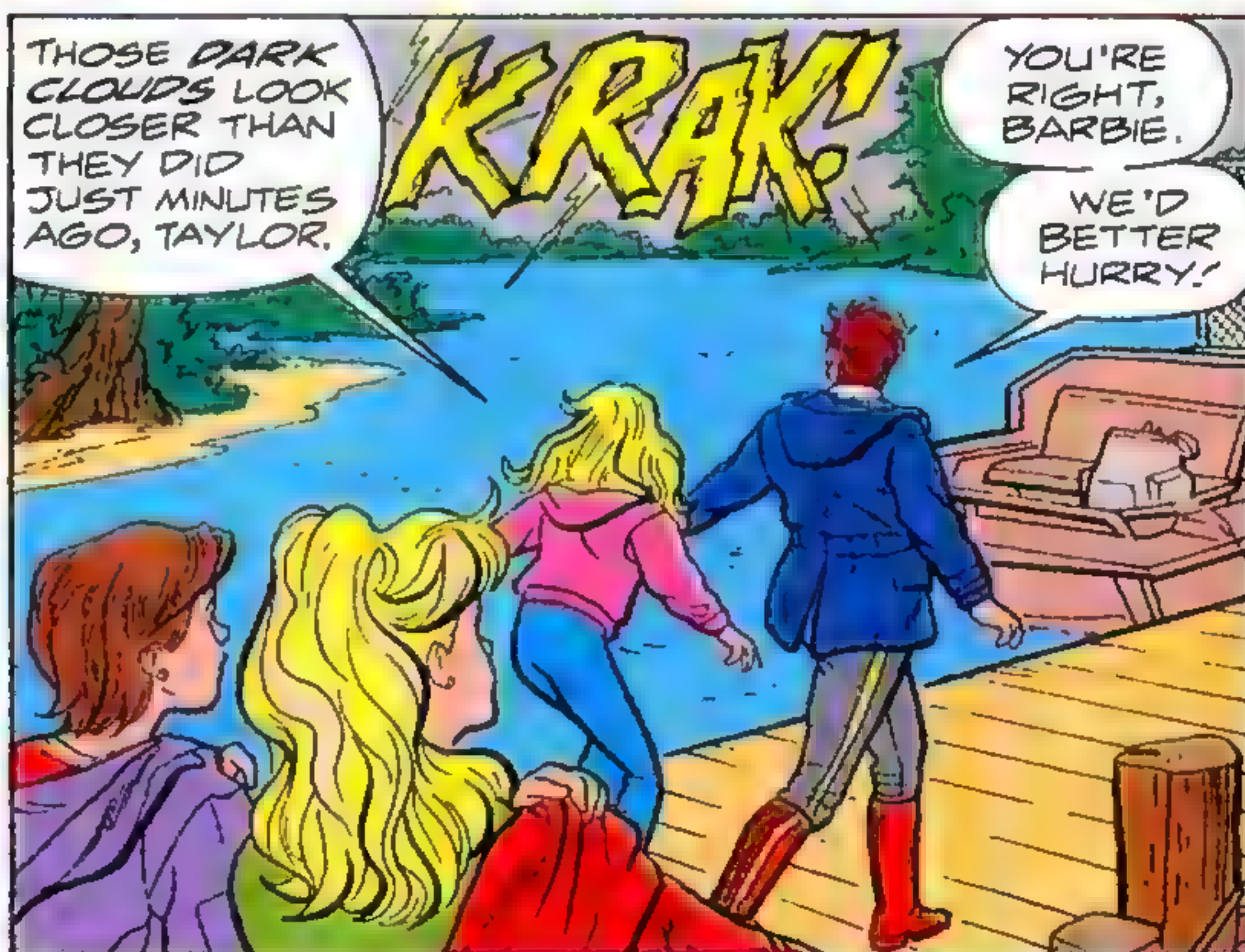
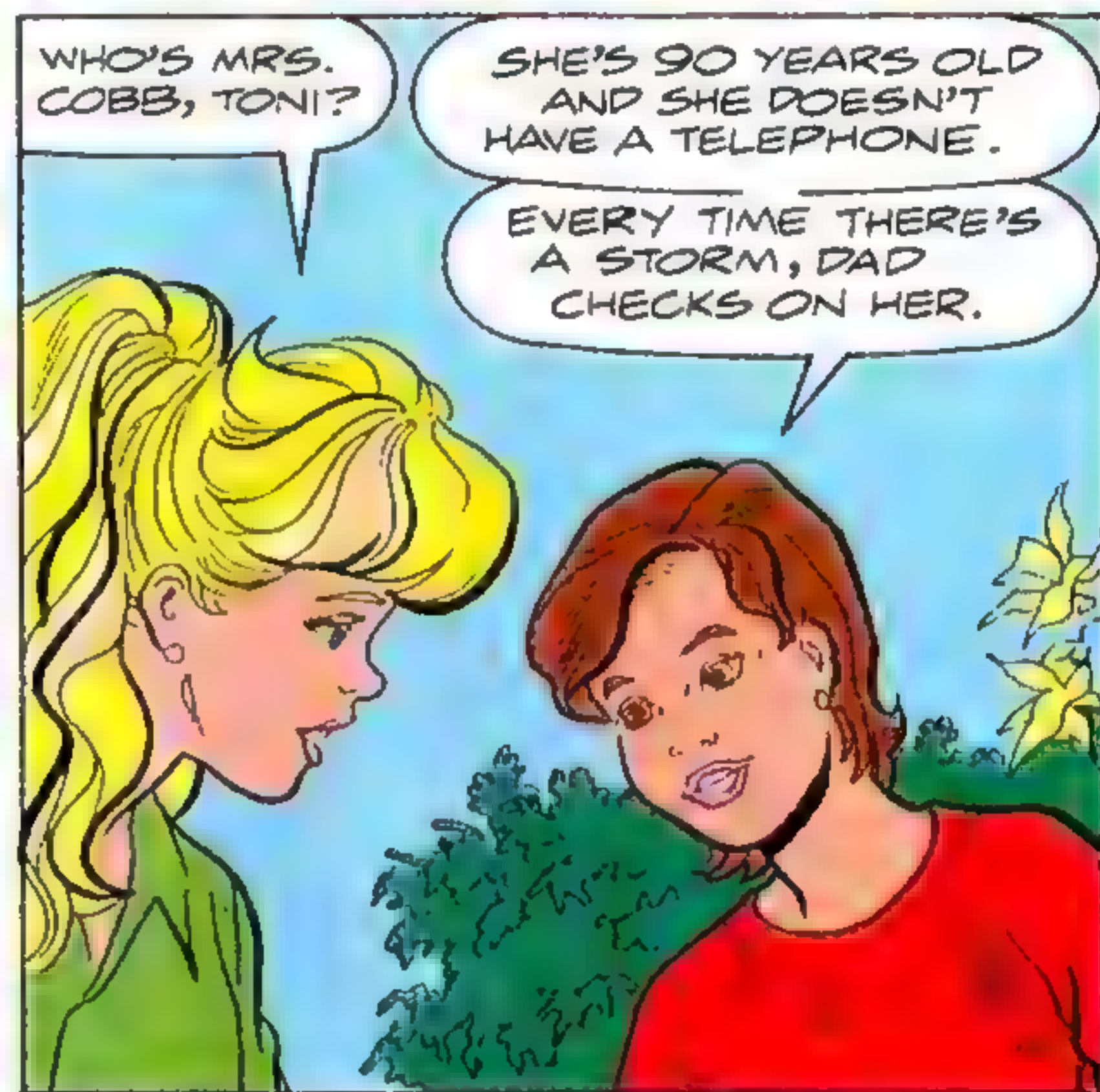
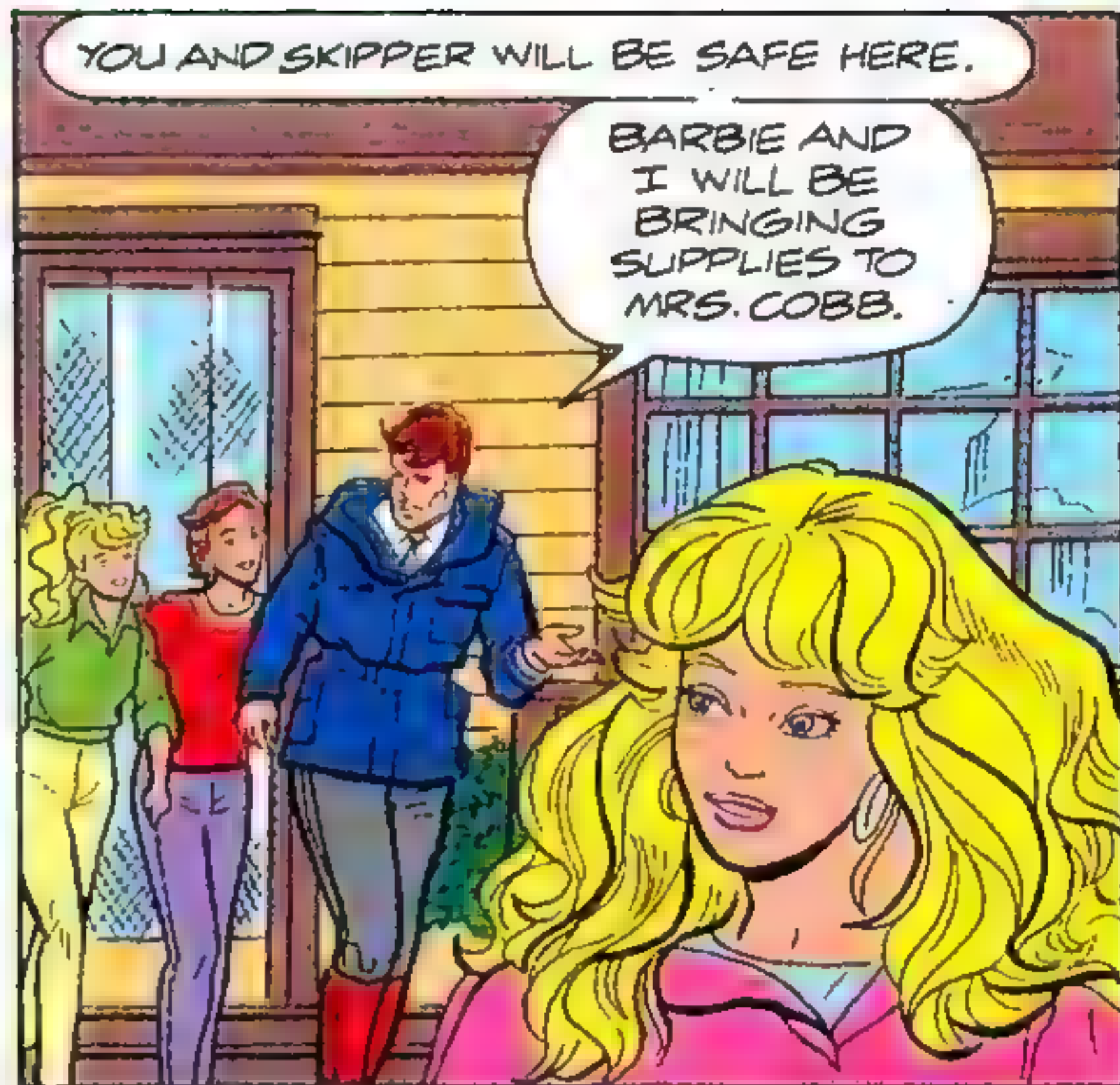
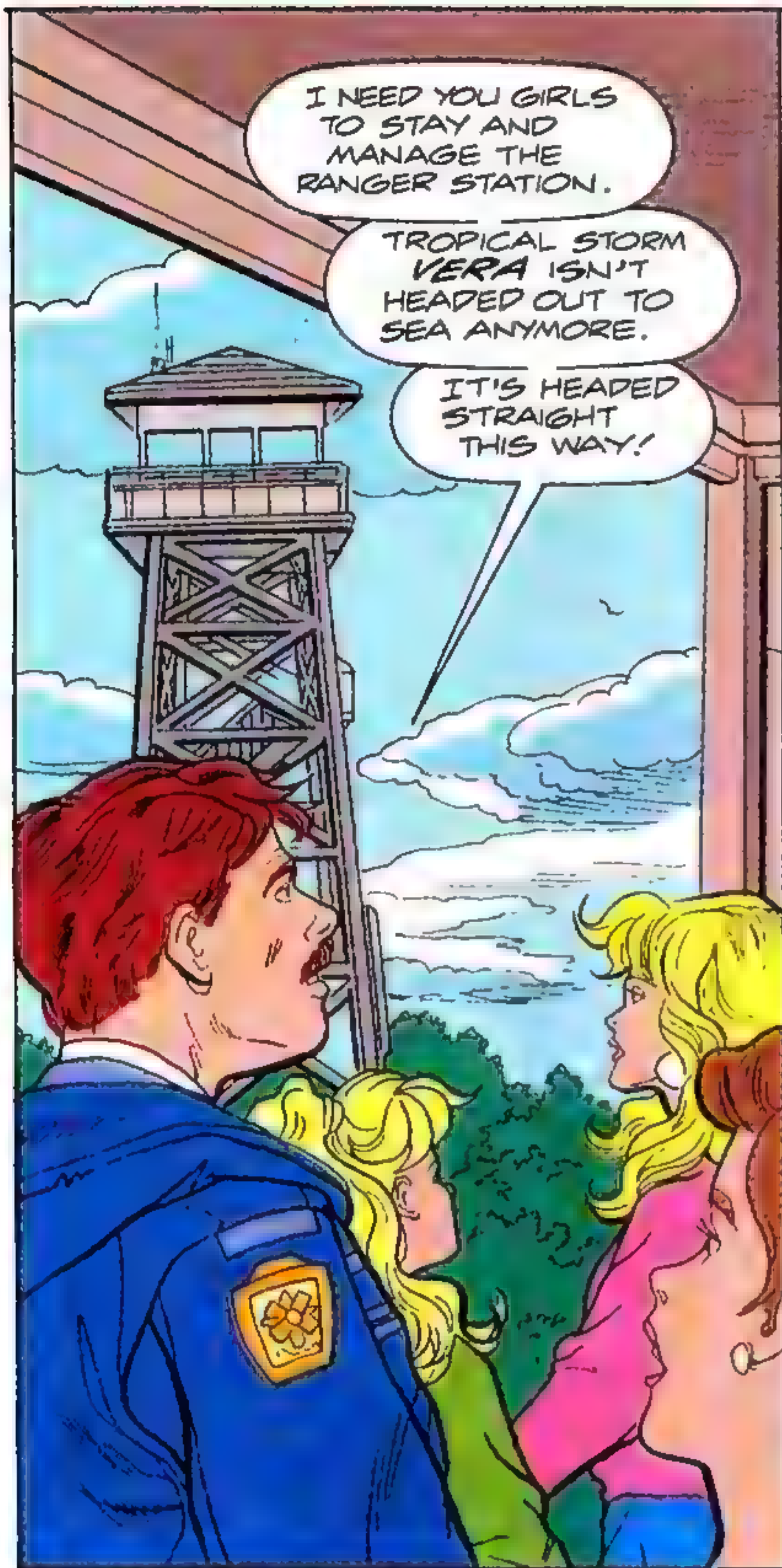


SANTA, I KNOW YOU USUALLY TRAVEL ALONE, EXCEPT FOR **DONDER** AND **BLITZEN** AND THE REST...









WITHIN MINUTES, BARBIE AND TAYLOR SET OFF FOR MRS. COBB'S...

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PLACE THIS IS, TAYLOR!

MOST PEOPLE THINK THAT SWAMPS ARE UGLY... BUT THIS ONE CERTAINLY ISN'T.

WHOA! HERE COMES THE RAIN

AND THE WIND HAS KICKED UP, TOO.

HOW FAR IS IT TO MRS. COBB'S?

SHE LIVES RIGHT HERE!

HELLO, MRS. COBB. THIS IS MY FRIEND, BARBIE.

NICE TO MEET YOU, BARBIE.

DID YOU TWO BRING ME CANDLES, AND WATER AND CANNED FOOD?

HOW DID YOU KNOW, MRS. COBB?

TAYLOR ALWAYS TAKES SUCH GOOD CARE OF ME.

I'D INVITE YOU IN BUT I'M SURE YOU NEED TO GET BACK TO THE STATION.

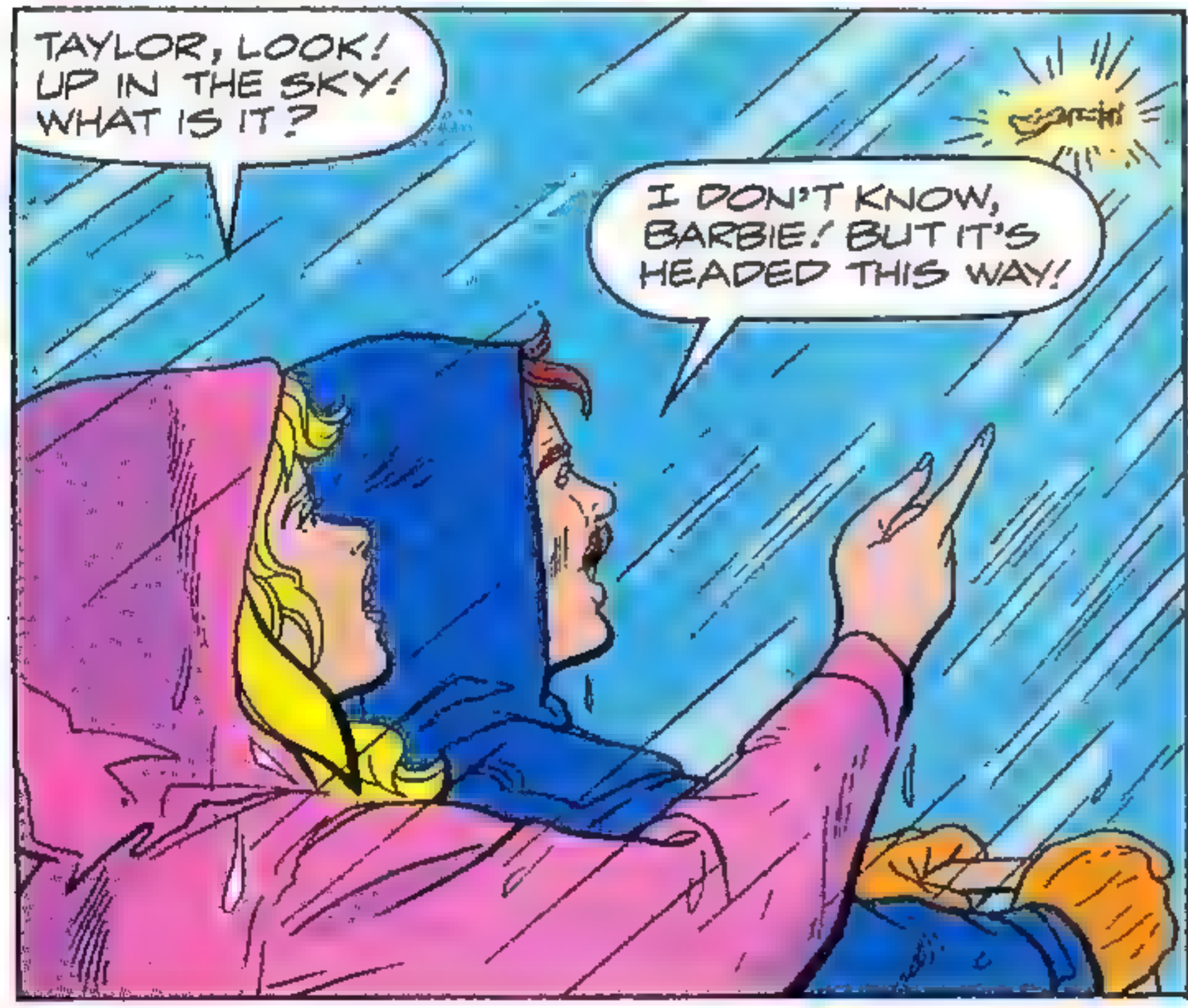
WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT, MRS. COBB?

TAYLOR CAN TELL YOU... I'VE WEATHERED MORE STORMS THAN SANTA HAS WHISKERS IN HIS BEARD!

NOW, SKEEDADDLE! AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

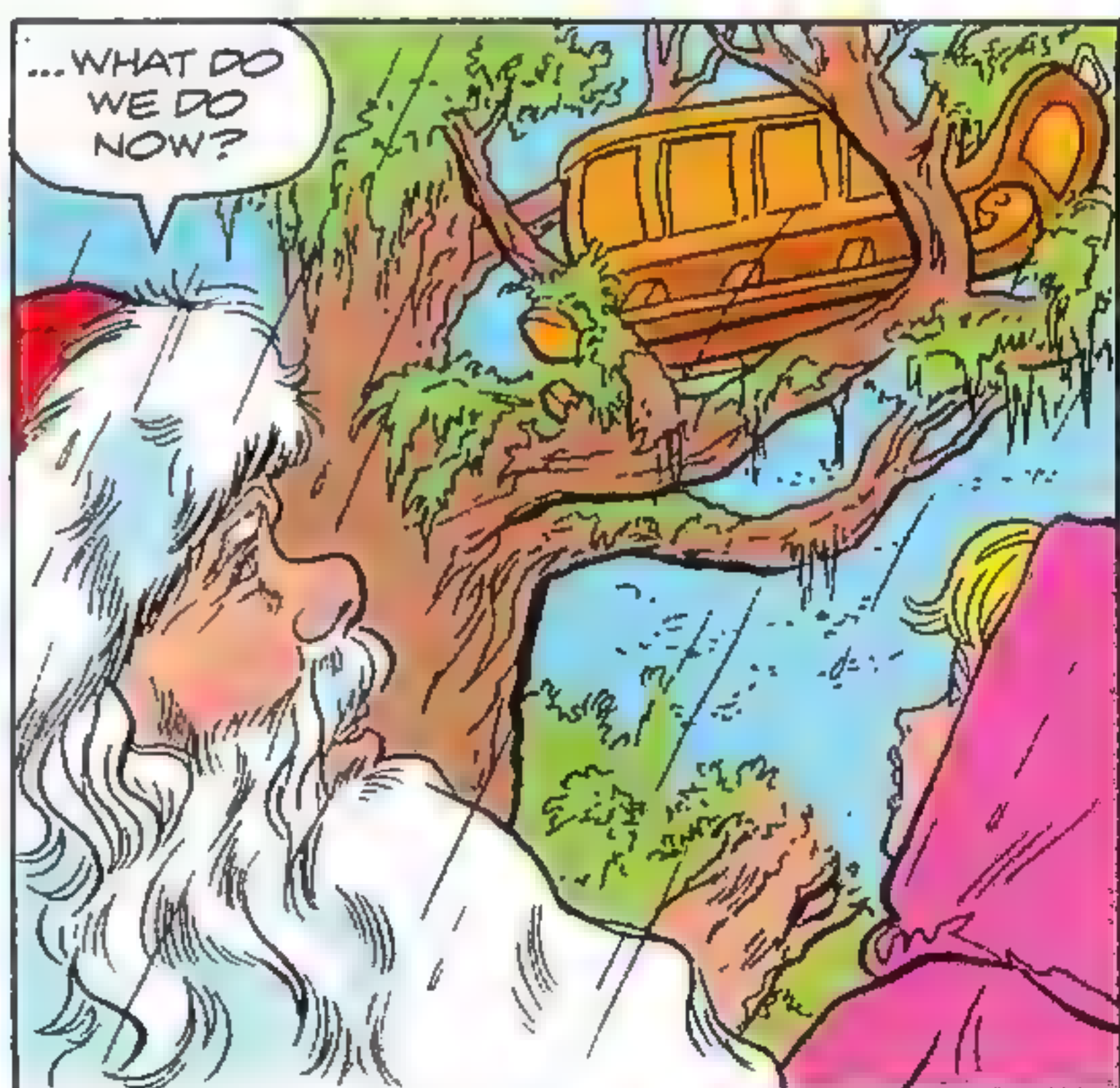
GOODBYE!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



SEE YOU LATER CHRISTMAS GATOR

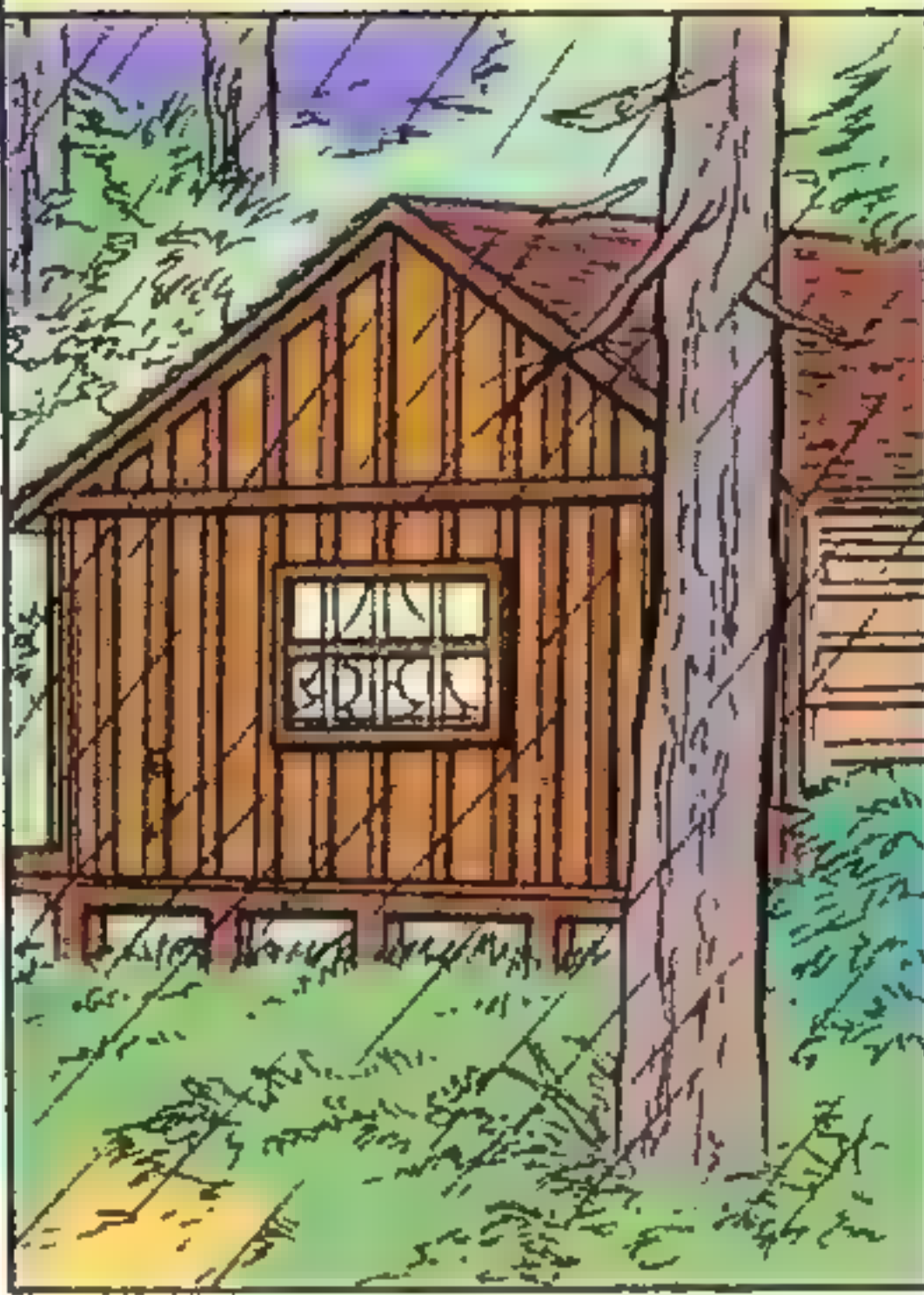
PART 2: SPECIAL DELIVERY



NEARBY, IN A CYPRESS AND PINE FOREST, IN A HOUSE SET BACK FROM THE RIVER...



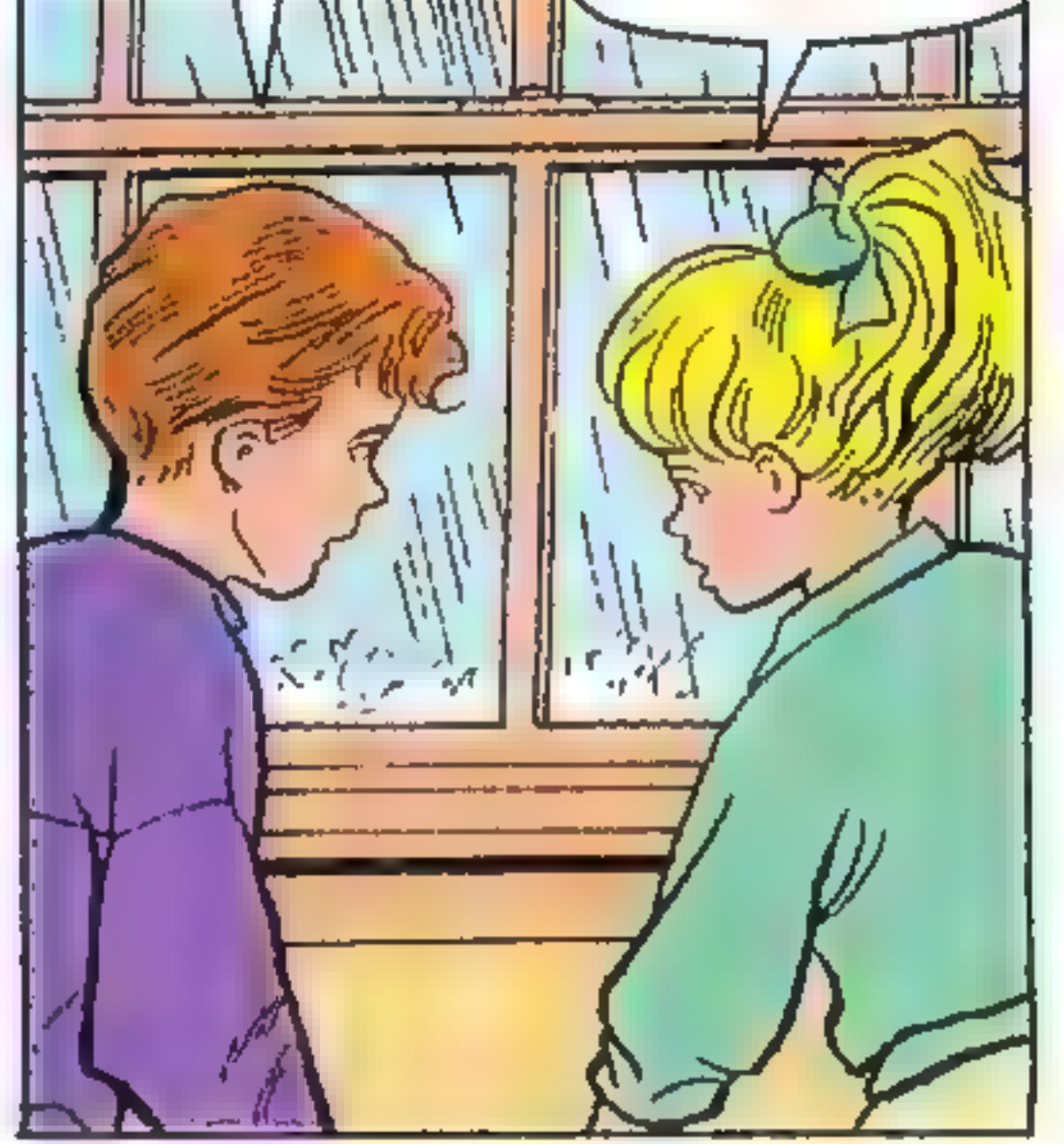
...SIT ALEXIS AND JUSTIN...



...PEERING OUT AT THE STORM

THE STORM IS WORSE THAN EVER, ALEXIS.

OH, JUSTIN... NOW I KNOW SANTA WON'T MAKE IT!



MEANWHILE...

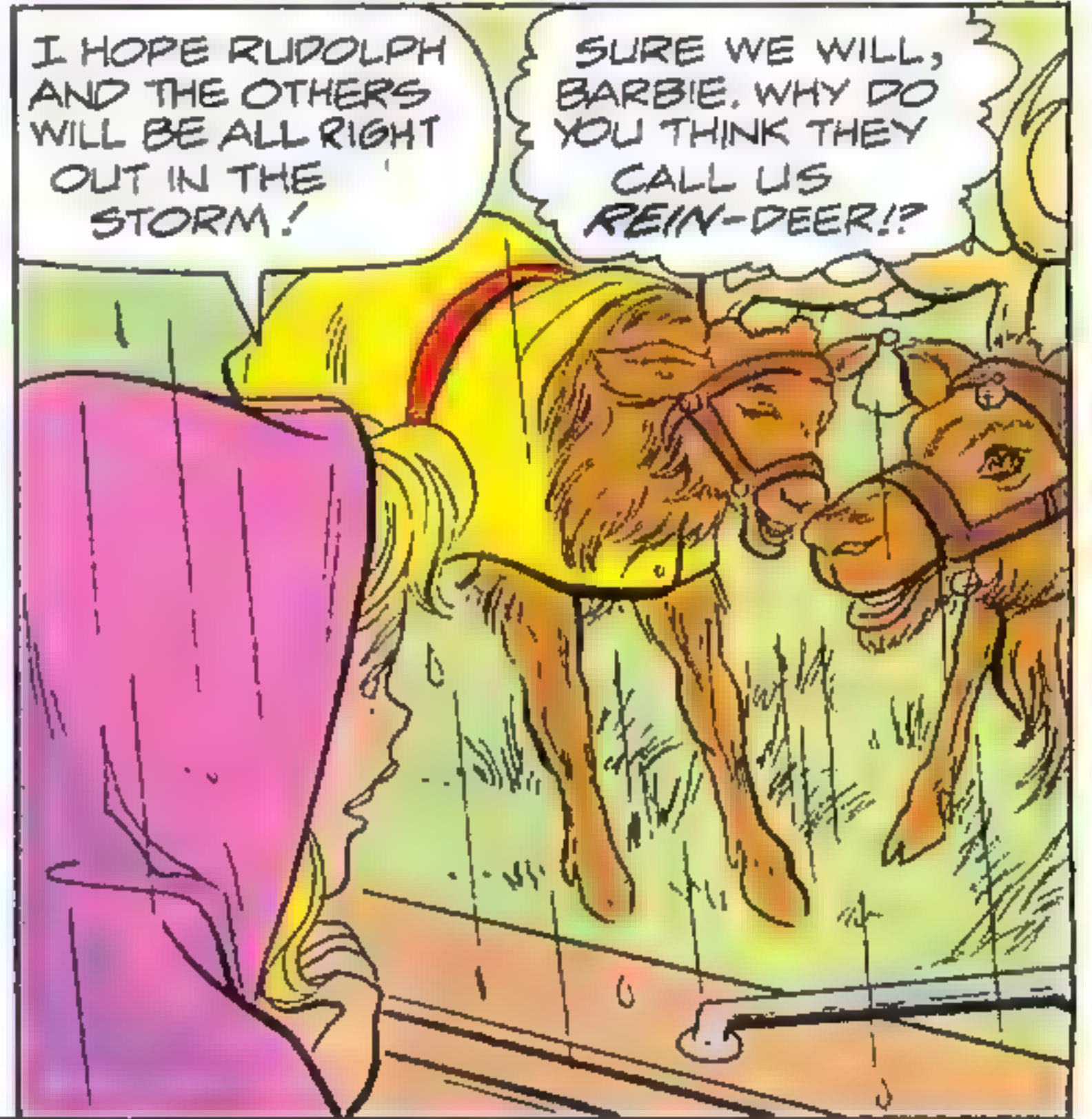
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WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP, SANTA!



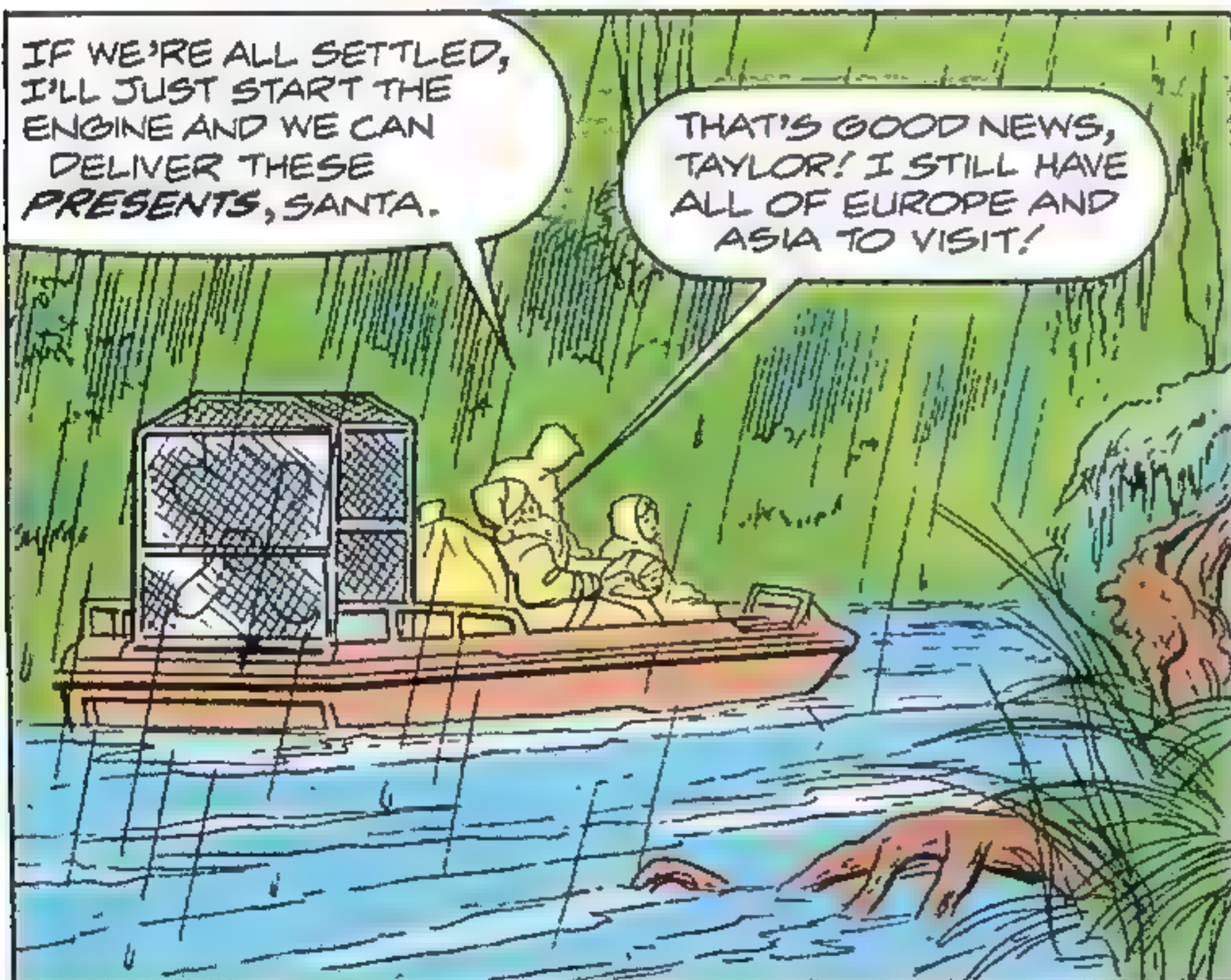
I HOPE RUDOLPH AND THE OTHERS WILL BE ALL RIGHT OUT IN THE STORM!

SURE WE WILL, BARBIE. WHY DO YOU THINK THEY CALL US REIN-DEER!?



IF WE'RE ALL SETTLED, I'LL JUST START THE ENGINE AND WE CAN DELIVER THESE PRESENTS, SANTA.

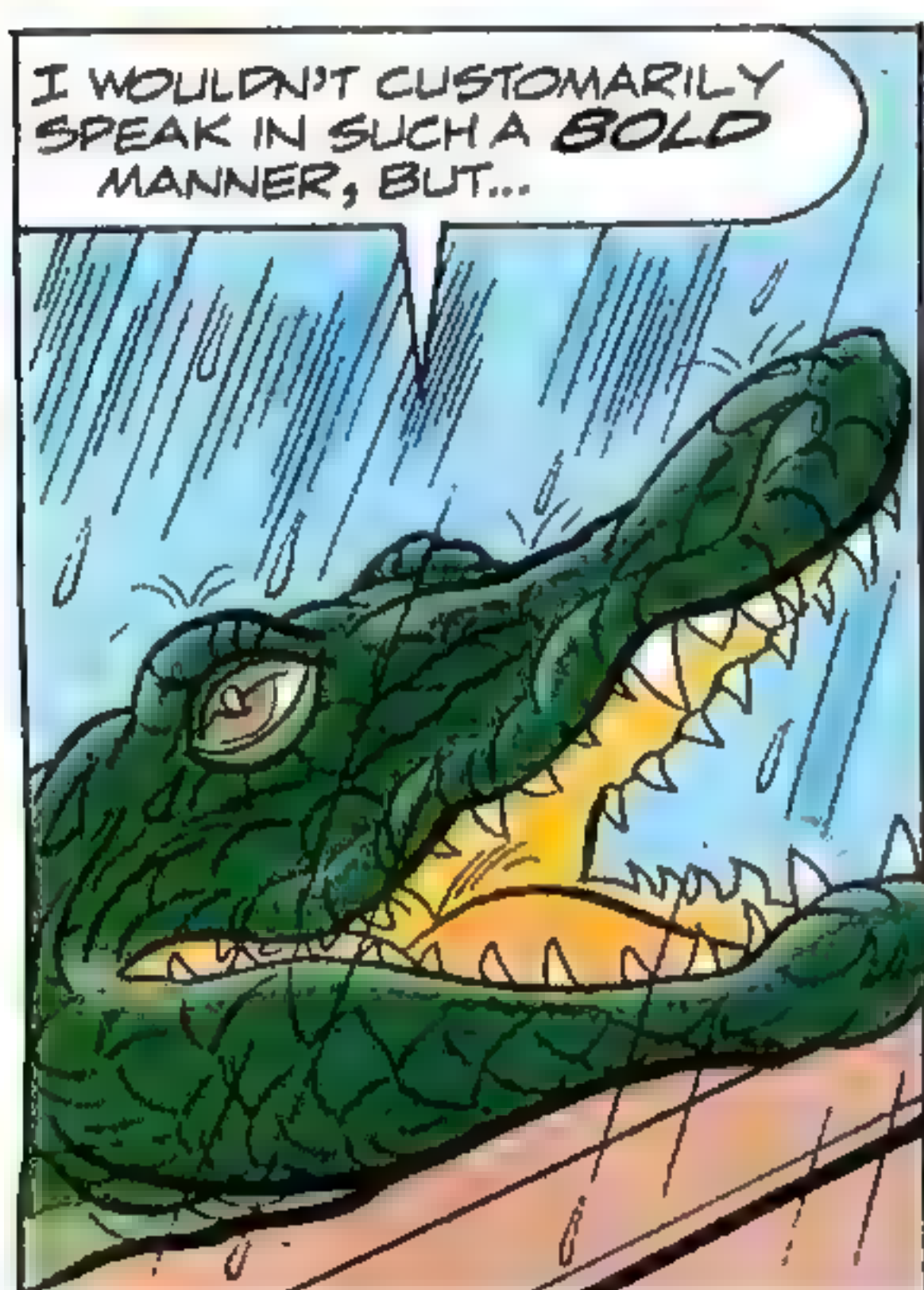
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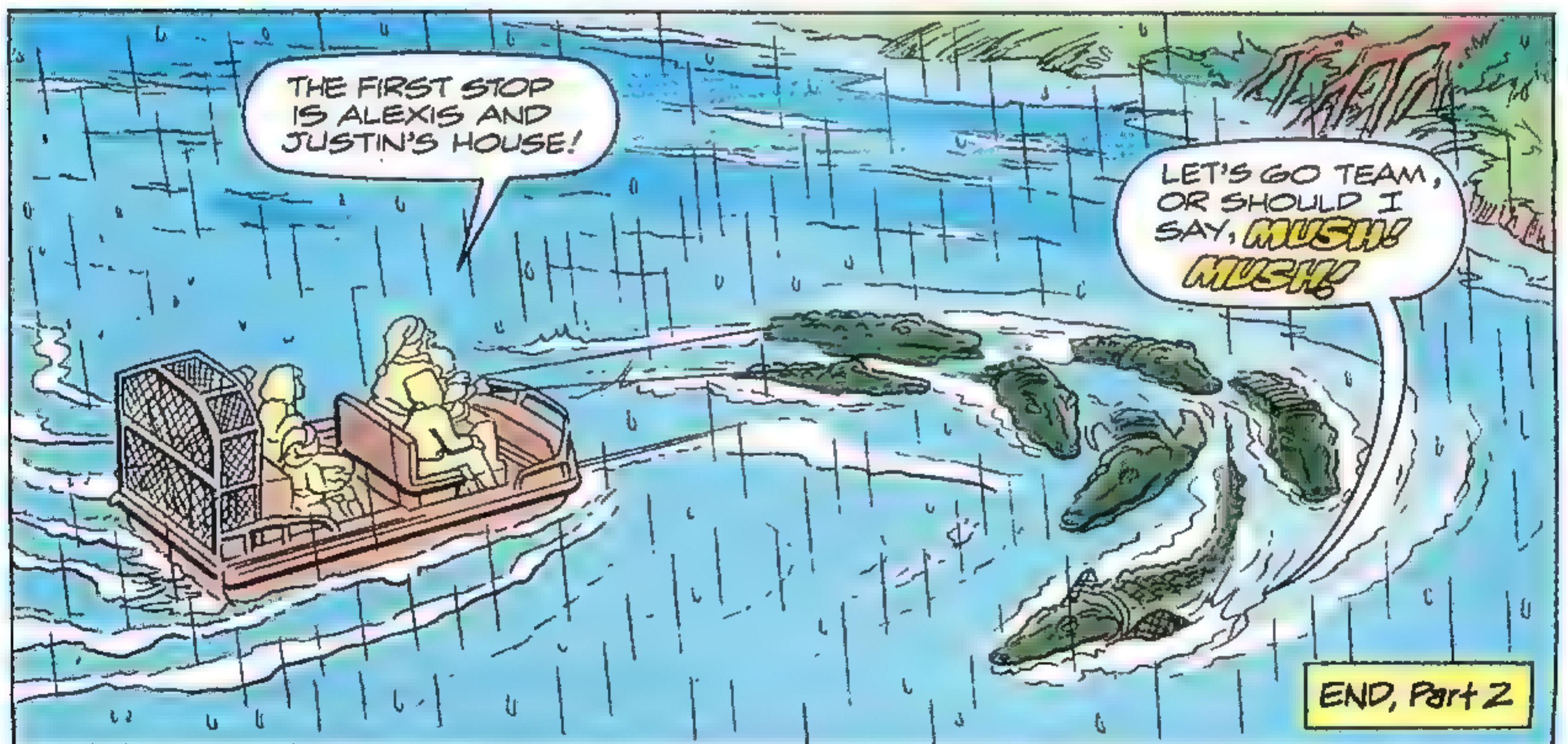
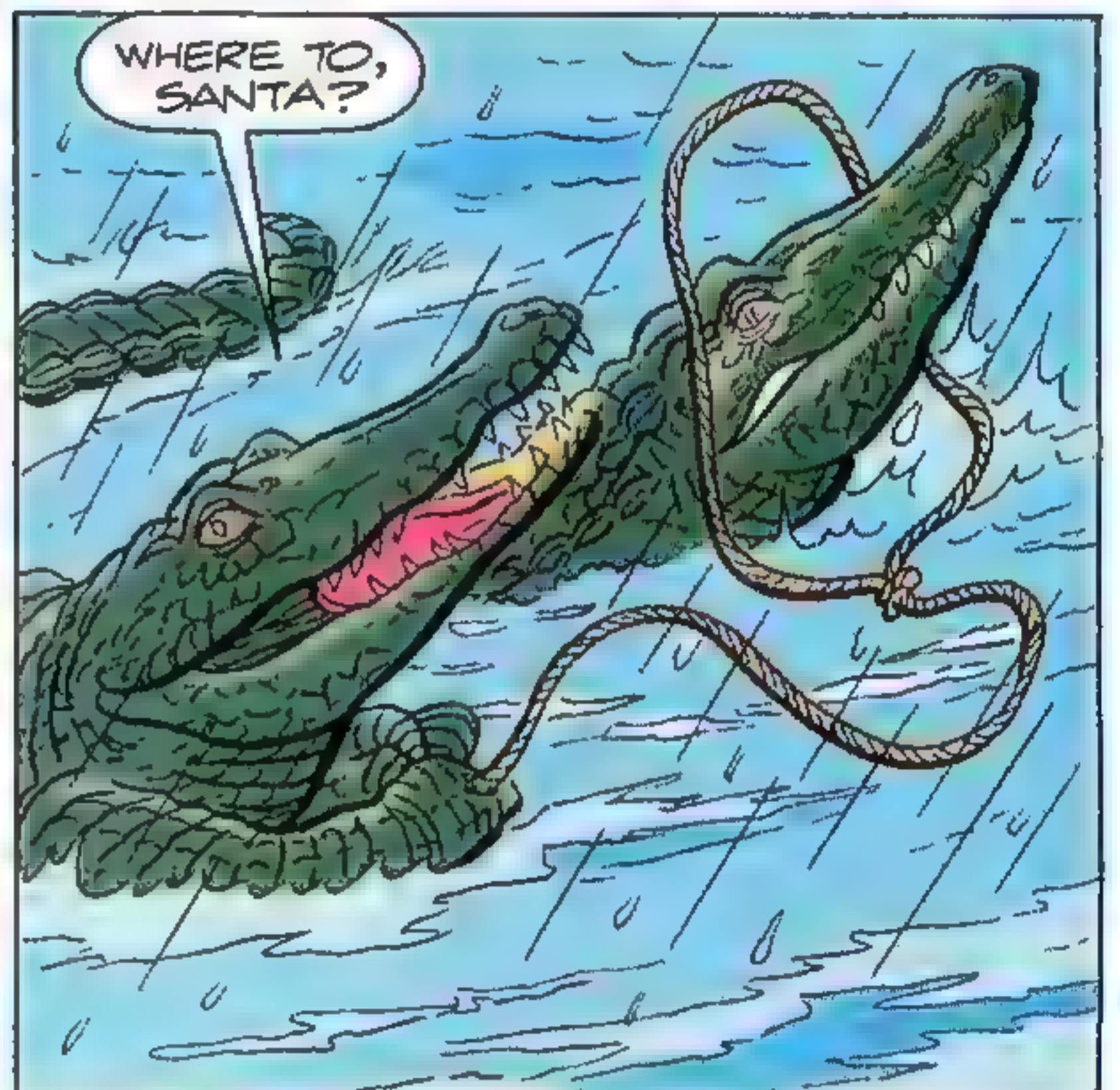
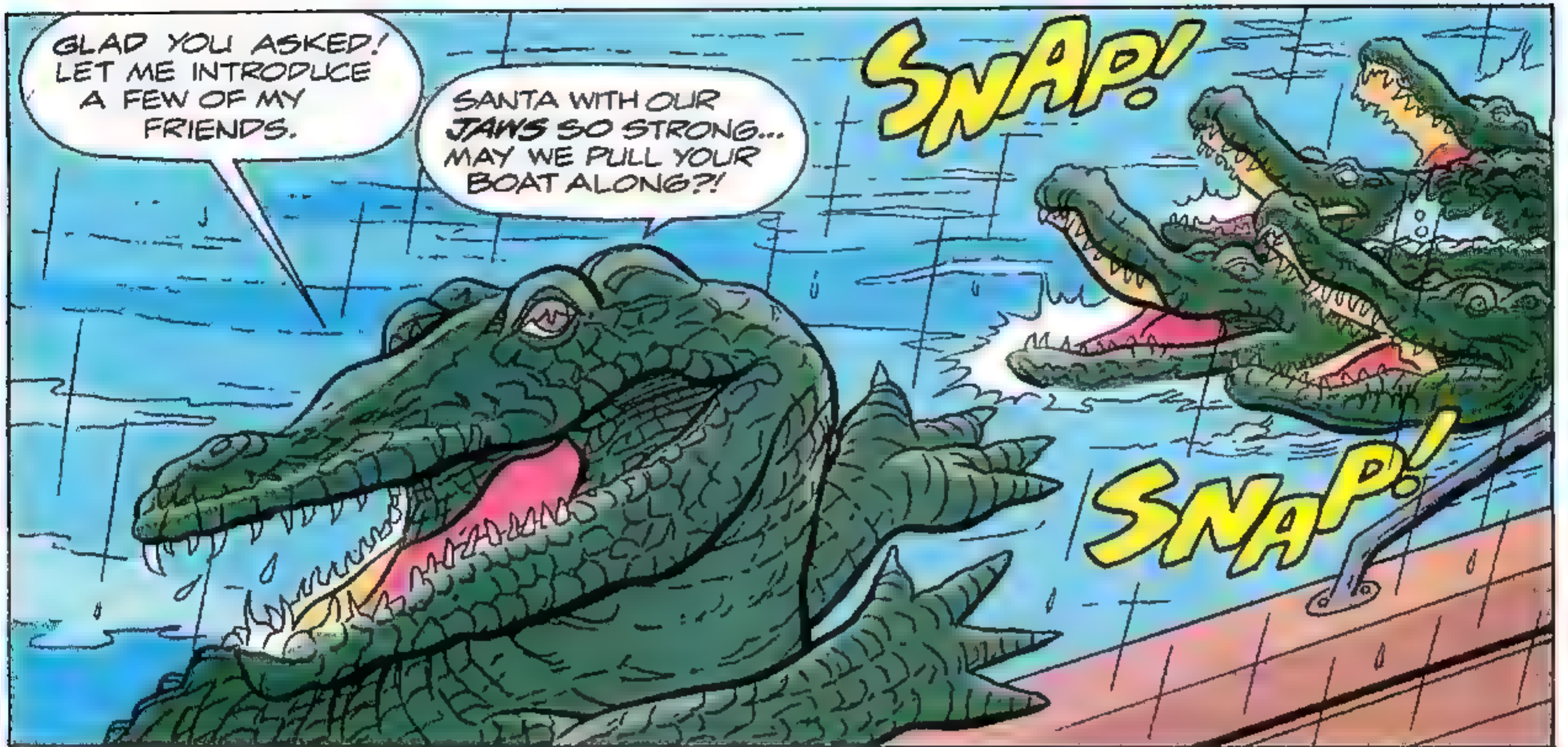


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IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE IN THIS BOAT.







See You Later, Christmas

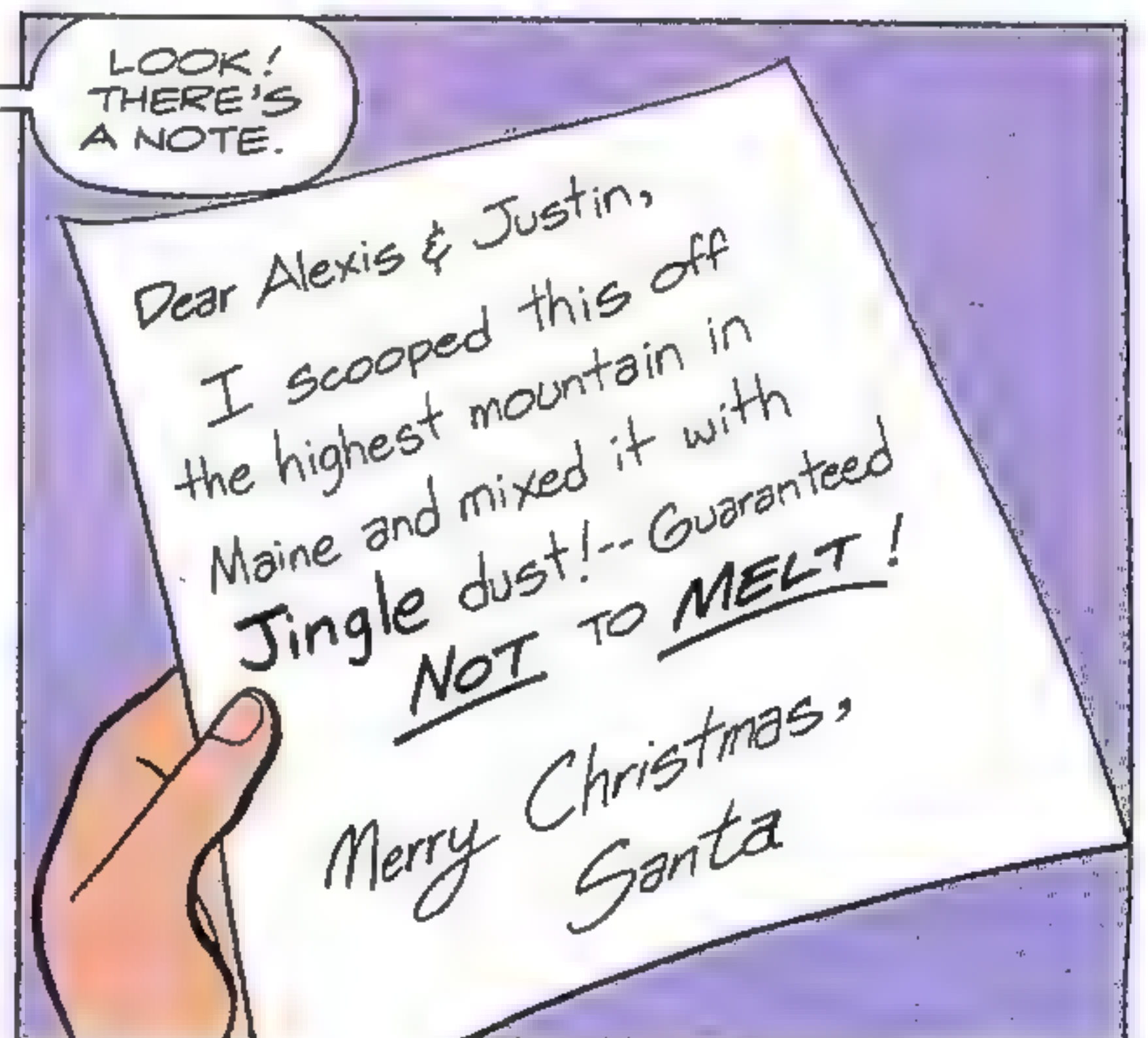
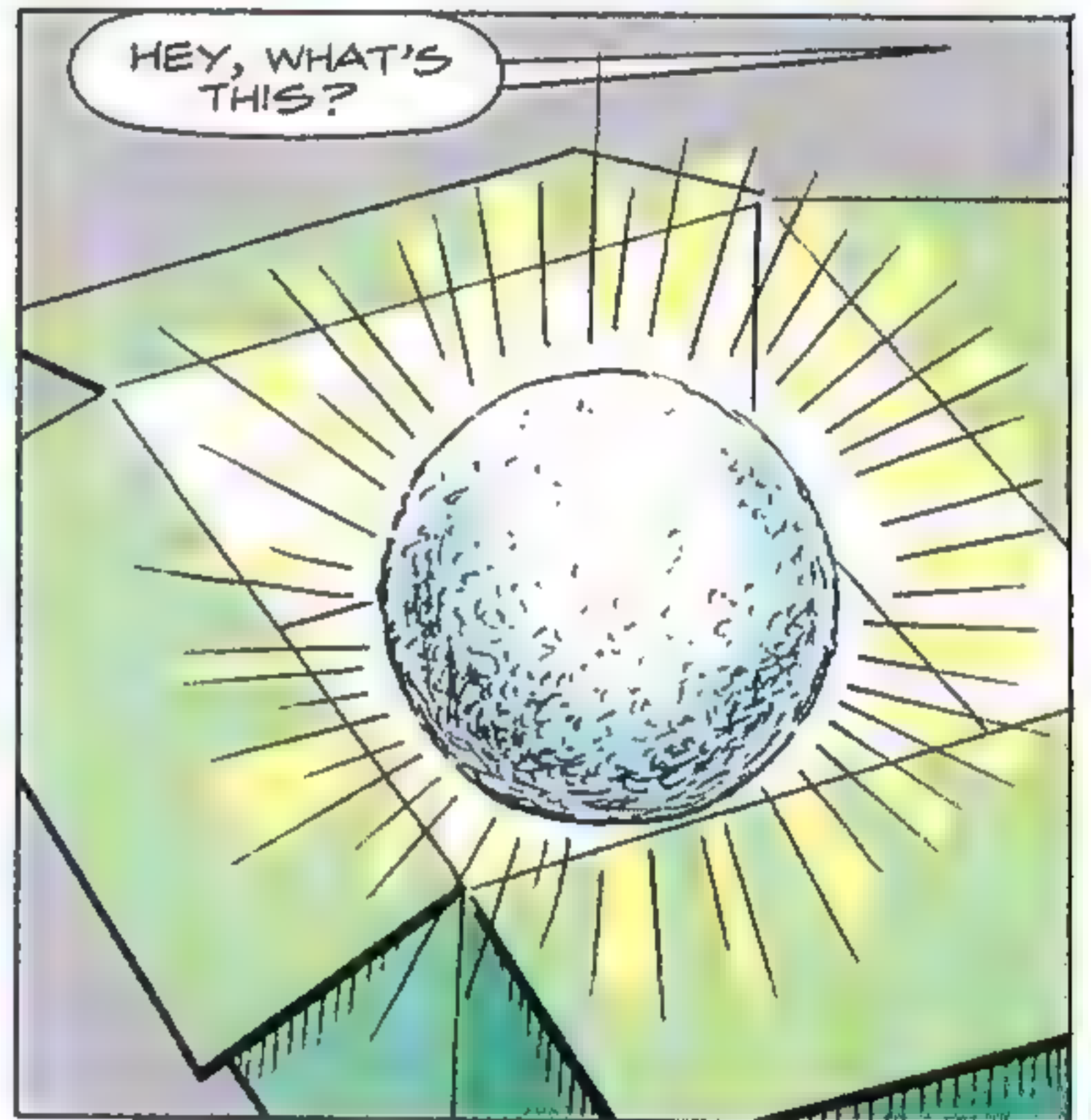
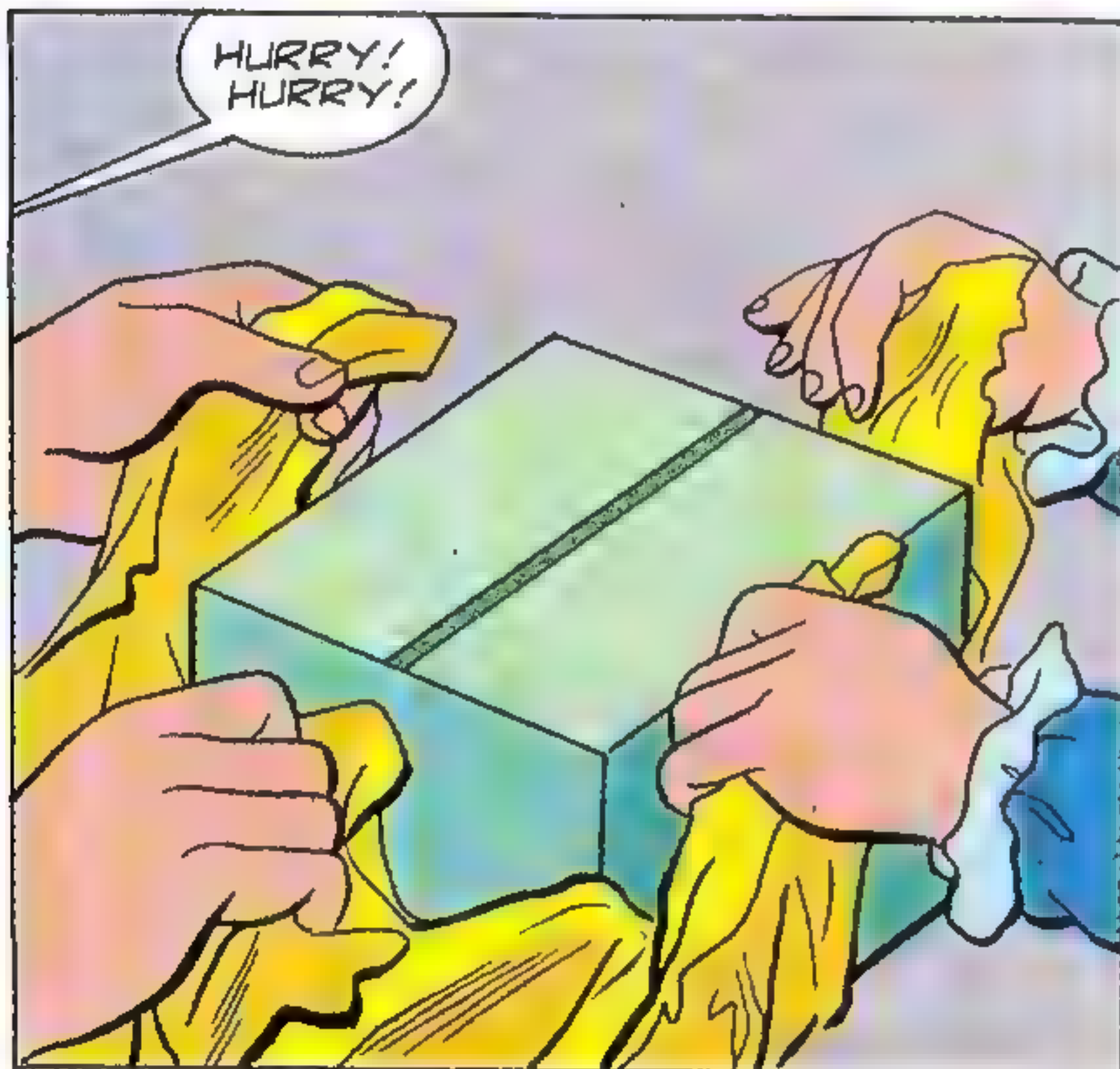
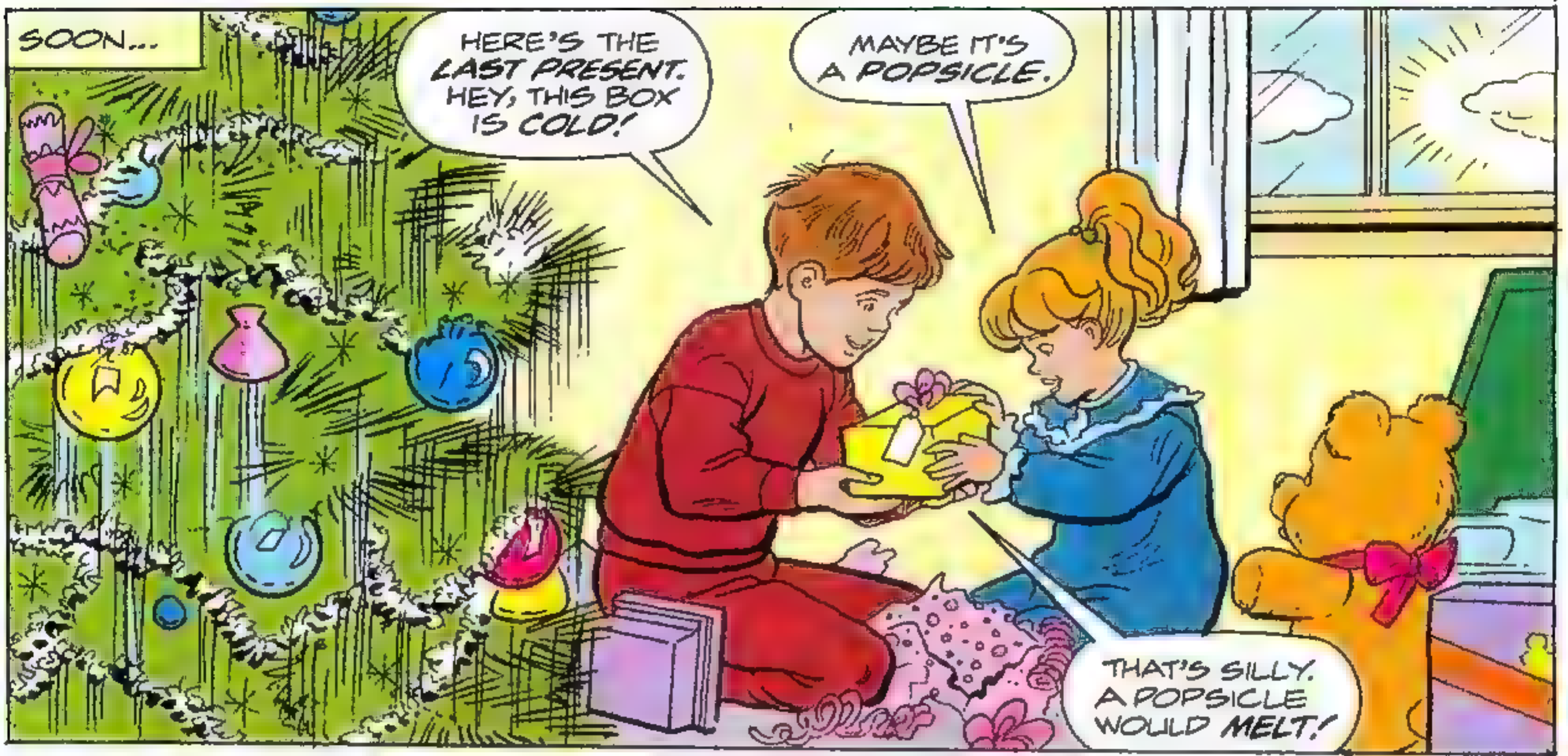
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ALEXIS, I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT YAWN! BUT I NEVER HEARD SANTA'S SLEIGH BELLS.

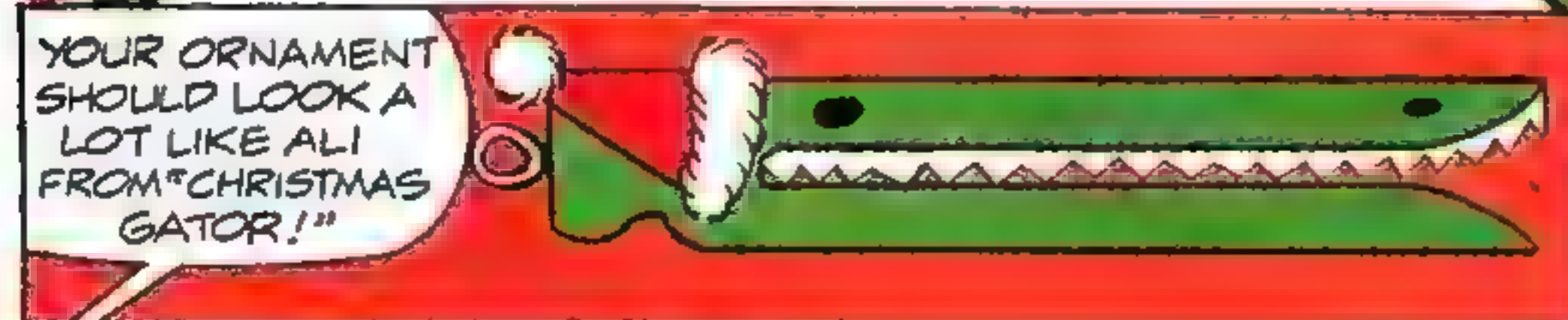
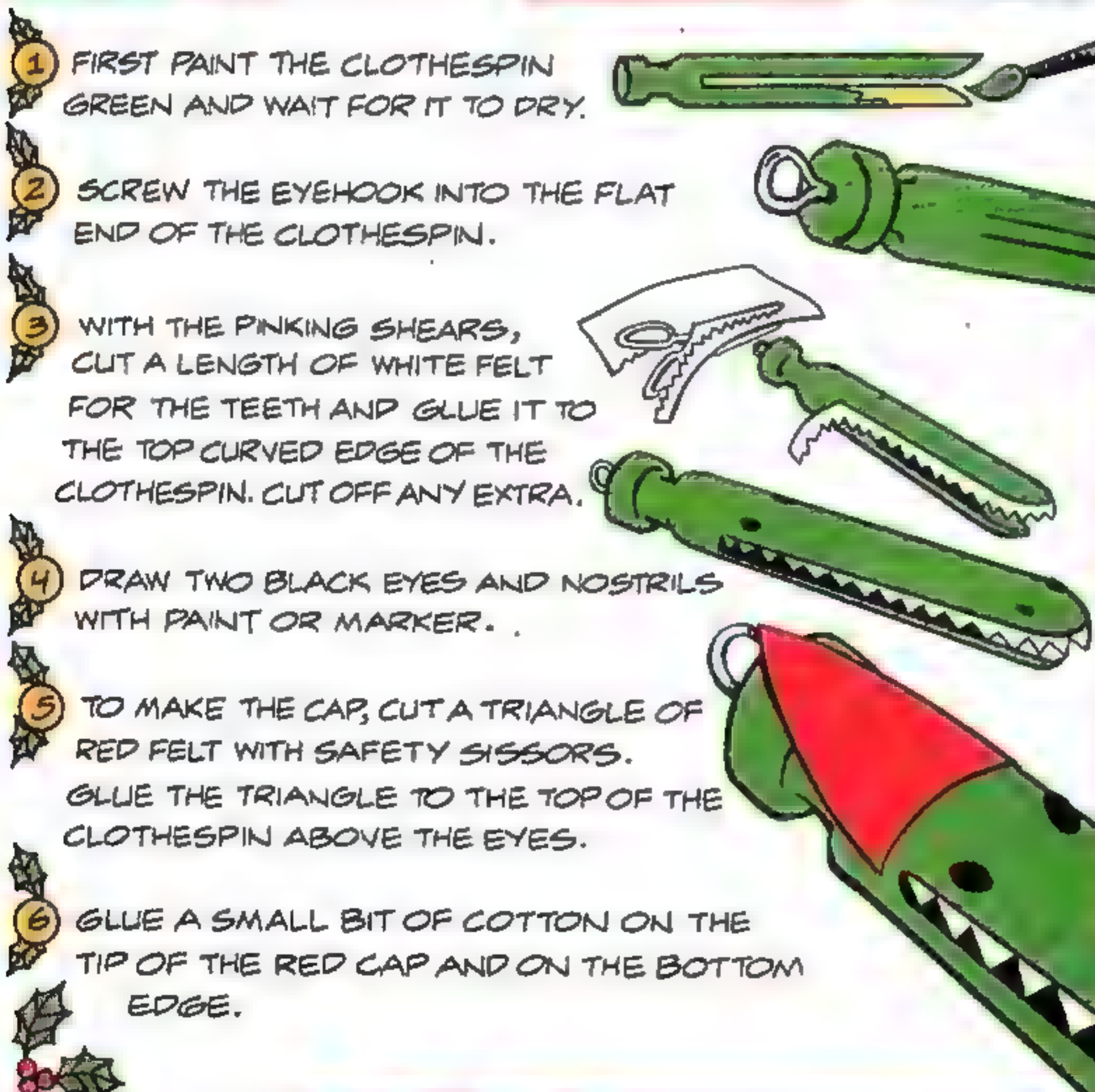
I DIDN'T HEAR THEM--

--EITHER!? OHMIGOODNESS, JUSTIN! SANTA WAS HERE!

WOW, ALEXIS! HE DIDN'T FORGET!







LETTERS TO



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Hey, kids — Since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters

Barbie asked her **DARBIE** and **DARBIE FASHION** creators what their favorite holiday memories were:

Mario Capaldi, "... When my wife, daughter and I were in Rome kicking around the Trevi Fountain around 12:00 a.m.! We came upon a group of students who were playing some tunes. I asked if they knew any Italian melodies they could play for us and they did! So for about an hour or so, we just relaxed listening to the wonderful music."

Trina Robbins, "... When I lived in New York City, I would go visit my sister, Harriet, in Maine for the holidays! The snow and the scenery always reminded me of a Currier & Ives painting! It always felt like an *old-fashioned* Christmas, especially when we would use the old water pump my sister had in her kitchen!"

Anna-Maria Cool, "... The year I was chosen to play Clara in the Nutcracker ballet!"

Ben Sean, "... Visiting my grandparents when I was 8 years old — the smell of the potato latkes, the laughter of playing dreidel, and, oh yes, that Hanukkah gelt will be with me every holiday!"

John Lucas, "... When I was 9 years old, we went to my grandmother's for Christmas. That year we had a really bad snowstorm that knocked out the TV antenna — we had no TV! It gave us the chance to really get to know each other and we became a real family! My sister and I even played the Barbie game that year!"

What are your favorite holiday memories?!



Dear Barbie,

Hi! My name is Sarah Schwartz and I am 11 years old. I am your biggest fan and I have 28 Barbie dolls and 16 of the ones from McDonald's! My mom buys them for me. I also subscribe to your comic books and I really enjoy reading them! I will write again soon!

Sarah Schwartz, age 11
Los Gatos, CA

Thanks for your (and your mother's) support, Sarah. Subscriptions are a smart way to make sure you receive every issue of **DARBIE** and **DARBIE FASHION**. ... and they're delivered right to your door at no extra cost! You'll find a subscription form in this very issue. Be sure to check with a parent or adult first!

Dear Barbie,

I really enjoy **DARBIE** comics. I just don't fit

in with the **X-MEN**, **AVENGERS**, **DARKHAWK** and **SPIDER-MAN** comics crowd. I think **DARBIE** is the right one for me, but my friends don't. They say **DARBIE** is dull. I don't think so! **DARBIE** is a better comic than the other stuff. If all the super hero fans just picked up some of these great **DARBIE** comics, the world would be a better place!

Tory Osbourn, age 9
Mineola, TX

You said it, Tory! Super hero comics aren't everyone's cup of tea, so that's why Marvel publishes fun comics like **DARBIE** and **DARBIE FASHION**. You might also enjoy reading our Marvel/Disney titles **BEAUTY & THE BEAST**, **THE LITTLE MERMAID**, and **ALADDIN**!

Dear Barbie,

I think you are the best actress in the world! Not too long ago I took a class for acting. It was great fun. I want to be a pen pal. Please print my full address so any girl my age can write to me!

Alyse Thrush, age 9
Arvada, CO

Acting is great fun and we really encourage all our readers to get involved in extra activities after school because you'll enjoy experiences and learn skills that you'll keep for the rest of your life! And sorry, Alyse, we do not print full addresses here, but keep checking in on this page because we often print addresses for **DARBIE** fan clubs.

Dear Barbie,

I've had a best friend since kindergarten, but now she bosses people around. Maybe it is because she is the head cheerleader of our cheerleading team. I've tried to talk to her about it, but whenever I try, she gets mad at me. What should I do?

Natalia Snodgrass, age 8
San Antonio, TX

Try to let your friend know that you are only telling her this because you care about her. Talking things out really helps, but sometimes it's very tough! Good luck.

Dear Barbie,

Do you have any pets? I have two cats and two goldfish. My goldfish are called Sunshine and Goldfishie and my cats are called Whitey and Ginger, so guess what color they are?

Laura White, age 8
Glenalra, South Australia

Well, Laura, the names you gave your pets make it pretty easy for us! We bet the goldfish are gold colored and the cats are white and tan!

Dear Barbie,

I have been collecting **DARBIE FASHION** since the first issue. I really like it, but you should make the covers have more to do with the stories inside. Sometimes I buy the comics in a bag and can't look inside!

Becky Paul, age 10½
Baltimore, MD

Covers can be symbolic, Becky, or they can give a flavor of what's inside! Sometimes we just like to show our favorite model, Barbie, in a fabulous cover pose like they do on covers of fashion magazines! We think it's safe to say that **DARBIE** is one book that you can judge by its cover! What do you think, readers?

Dear Barbie,

I am only 7 years old. How are you? I get your comics in the mail from my Aunt Sharon. I've got a lot of comics about you and they are great! The one I like the most is "Cheer-full Performance".

Jamie Panella, age 7
Jackson, NJ

Thanks for writing, Jamie! We're glad you enjoy the stories!

Dear Barbie,

Hi! My name is Jessica Fanula. Every time I look at the part of the **DARBIE** comics where kids can enter fashions for Barbie to wear, the same question comes to my head. How do you enter a fashion for Barbie to wear? Do you send a picture of the clothes you think Barbie would look good in or do you draw the whole picture of Barbie in the clothes? Please send an answer! I'd really like to know.

Jessica Fanula, age 9½
Davis, CA

We've got just the answer for you, Jessica! If you or any of our readers have a fashion you have created for Barbie, simply send your design, drawn alone or on Barbie, to the address at the top of this page. We'll pass it on to our terrific **DARBIE** and **DARBIE FASHION** artists and they will create a gorgeous picture of Barbie showing off your design! Although, we receive hundreds of wonderful designs each month, we unfor-

unately only have room to print a few. Be sure not to miss this month's holiday fashion feature!

Dear Barbie,

I love your comics and I share them with my friends. I love the way you dress. How many years have you had your comics out? My favorite story about Barbie is "A Friend In Need". My favorite subject is math, the subtraction tables and times tables. Bye, see you in the comics.

Tiffany Thomas, age 8
Alameda, CA

Here's a chance to use your subtraction, Tiffany! Marvel first published **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** comics in 1990, and this issue, **BARDIE #50**, shipped in December, 1994. The number you come up with is how long Barbie's comics have been in print!

Dear Barbie,

I hope you print this letter in your next **BARDIE** or **BARDIE FASHION** comic book. My name is Shannon Barlow and I am 8 years old. I have you as a doll and I also have a poster with your 300 trading cards, but I don't have any of the trading cards themselves. I do love trading your comic books though!

Shannon Barlow, age 8
Arnold, MO

Trading **BARDIE** comics is terrific, Shannon! You're sure not to miss any of Barbie's exciting adventures and it's a great way to meet new friends!

Dear Barbie,

I get your **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** comics every month! I first started collecting them when my brother was selling books, tapes, CD's and magazines. Every time I get one of your comics, I flip to the back and I look at the fashions! Then I read the stories. My favorite one out of the issues I have read is, "Splashin' Good Fun Inside"!

Lisa Kasperson, age 8
Lake Elmo, MN

Thanks for writing to us, Lisa, and thank your brother for giving us a faithful fan! If you enjoy the fashions so much, why not try your hand at designing your own fashions for Barbie? See the above letter from Jessica on how to send in your fashion. In the meantime, don't miss this issue's holiday fashion feature, "Tis The Season To Be Jolly"!

Dear Barbie,

I'll get right to the point. When I read all of your comics, it seems that everything about them is good. I like the **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** comic books because they're fun and I can understand the problems in the stories, if there is one. Like playing baseball — I can't always catch the ball!

Heather Frasier, age 11
Lawrenceville, GA

We're glad you've enjoyed all of Barbie's stories, Heather! Barbie loves to have a fun adventure, but is always there when a friend has a problem. Barbie would tell you to practice, practice, practice to perfect your baseball skills!

Dear Barbie,

My name is Janessa Phelps and I am 8 years old. I get all the **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** comics. I even get the Barbie movies. My friend thinks Barbie is stupid.

Janessa Phelps, age 8
Yorba Linda, CA

Hi, Janessa! Try to explain to your friend that not everyone shares the same interests or hobbies, and you don't need to in order to be good friends! Also, try to find other friends who share in your love for Barbie!

Dear Barbie,

I love your comics! I collect them. Every time I go to the mailbox I check to see if the next issue of **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** have arrived yet. I can't wait to read them! I have 3 rabbits, one dog, and a goldfish!

Missy Simmons, age 7
Beach Haven, NJ

Hi, Missy! Since you like pets so much be sure to read **BARDIE #51**, "Some Bunny To Love" this January. You'll read about rabbits, horses, even gorillas!

Dear Barbie,

I would like to say what a wonderful job you do on the **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** comic books! It's not every day that such quality goes into comics for young girls. Keep up the great work!

Pamela Zerber, age 28
Peabody, MA

Thanks, Pam! It's nice that Barbie has fans of all ages!

Dear Barbie,

I just love your clothes designer pages! When I grow up I really want to be a fashion designer and I've learned a lot from your designs. I love reading your comics and I hope you keep making them for a long time!

Angela Lang, age 9
Chicago IL

Thanks, Angela, we love the comics and designs, too! Anyone can send in clothes designs! Don't think they're not good enough to send because every fashion designer had to start somewhere! And the sooner you start, the better you get!

Dear Barbie,

I love your comics! I have, like, a million Barbie dolls. I had a Ken, but my little sister tore the head off and lost the body. I especially liked **BARDIE #46** and I was wondering if you could make more romantic issues?

Corrine Legacy, age 9 1/2
Mokenca, IL

Keep your eyes peeled for February **BARDIE FASHION #52**, "A Romance to Remember". It's a very romantic story just in time for Valentine's Day!

Dear Barbie,

I am 8 years old and in grade three. You know, I really like **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION**. Who are Amanda and Jeff? You are so beautiful. I hope you are in a good mood, always.

Anna Lee C. Lamigo, age 8
Manila, Philippines

Amanda Conner and Jeff Albrecht are two of the excellent artists that do our **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** covers! And, Anna, you don't have to be "beautiful" to be in a good mood, you just have to think beautiful thoughts!

Dear Barbie,

My name is Adrienne and I am 8 years old. I have a Barbie and two comic books. When I get bored I pick up one of my **BARDIE** comics and read it over and over again.

Adrienne Rangel, age 8
Santa Monica, CA

Reading something that you enjoy is a great way to occupy your free time when you're feeling bored, Adrienne! And we love that **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** are what you chose to read!

Dear Barbie,

Hi! My name is Erica. I have 13 of your comics and I really enjoy them. My favorite issue is **BARDIE #34**. I made a mirror with shells on it and a shirt with flowers. They came out pretty good. Your stories are so exciting!

Erica Nelson, age 9
Tampa, FL

We're glad you enjoy **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** so much, Erica! We love to hear how our readers enjoy Barbie's Craft Shop. Thanks for writing!

Dear Barbie,

Hi! My name is Jessica Lemp and I am 9 years old. I have collected all the **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** comics from this year so far! I love reading about all the adventures that Barbie and her friends go on!

Jessica Lemp, age 9
Hicksville, NY

You have quite a collection growing, Jessica! Following Barbie's adventures is always exciting! We hope you enjoyed Barbie's December adventure to Walt Disney World Resort!



It's the holiday season and you know what that means — time for gift-giving and good cheer! In wishing you a safe and happy holiday, we also would like to wish a happy birthday to those **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** readers who will be celebrating birthdays this month!

12/3, Megan Gilmore, 1, Rochester, NY
12/5, Tracey Kelmar, 9, Madison Heights, MI
12/5, Kelly Yeo, Singapore
12/8, Valerie Mansolilli, 13, Malden, MA
12/9, Kirsten Berger, 5, Glendale, NY
12/11, Cassandra Johnson, 8, North Pole, AK
12/13, Katherine O'Neil, 10, Fremont, CA
12/13, Esther Brooks, 22, Valley Stream, NY
12/13, Jamie Watters, Waterloo, IL
12/15, Antoinette Ellis, 11, Savannah, GA
12/16, Amanda Soyas, 8, Bradenton, FL
12/27, Michele Brooks, 27, Brooklyn, NY

A very happy birthday to these and all the **BARDIE** and **BARDIE FASHION** readers celebrating their special days this month! If you would like to see your birthday listed here, send us your name, age, birthday, and full address to the address listed above. Be sure to send it six months ahead of time!



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM Barbie™

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Shalom Knotts, age 10
Mureno, CA



Laura Dennison, age 9
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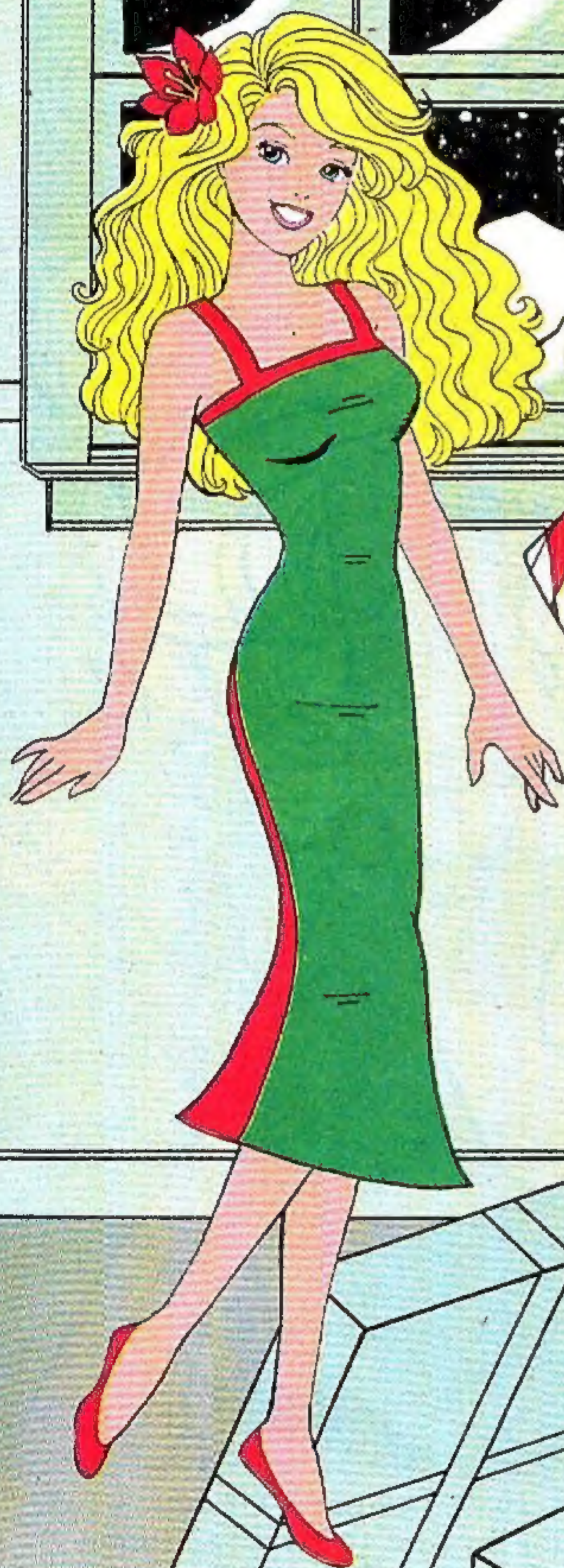


Lisa Basham, age 9½
Mabank, TX

THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

It's the holiday season and you know what that means! Decorations all around and gifts from loved ones to show that they care. As families and friends gather to share in the cheer of bringing in the New Year, Barbie looks stunning in these sensational fashions, sent to us by you — the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers! Happy holidays to all!

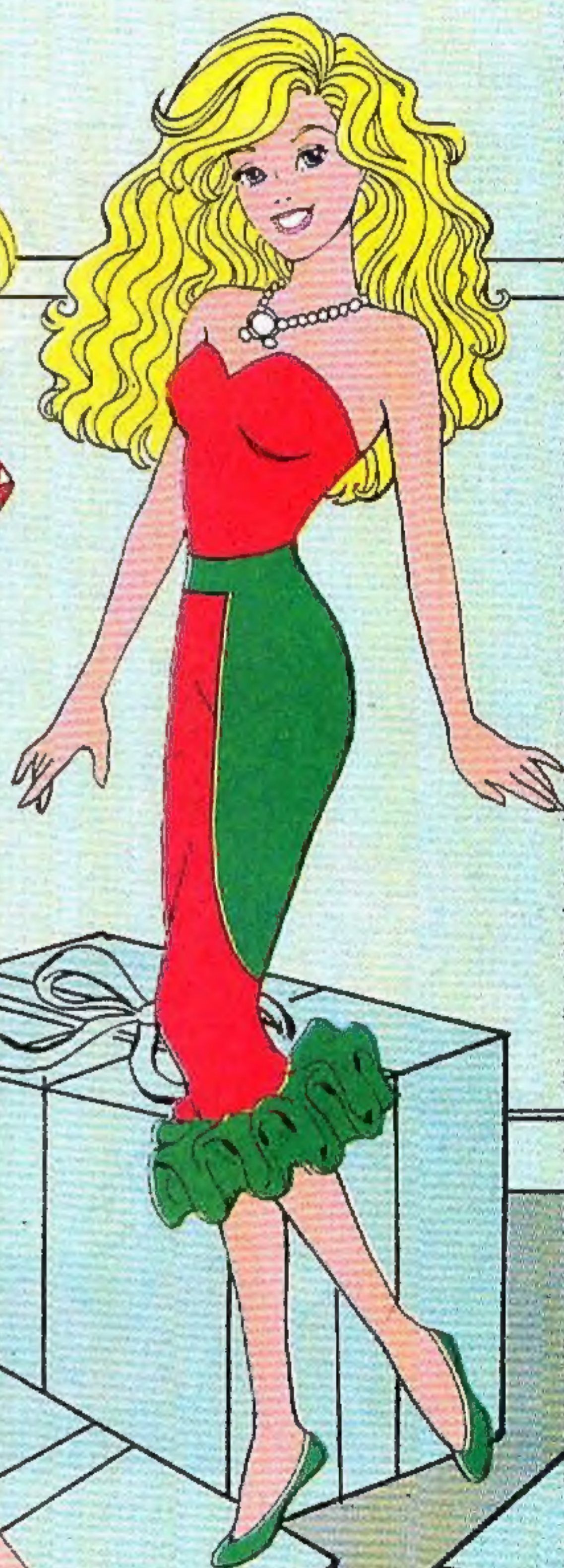
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Pamela Lucic
Fairview Park, OH



Laura Rutherford, age 10
Corpus Christi, TX



Laura Stiller, age 11
Roseville, MI

GLOP! SQUISH! SPLAT!



the Pagemaster



Escape from danger
with sticky hands!



Fight fire-breathing
dragon!



Swing a sword to defeat
pirates!



GIMME A BREAK • GIMME A BREAK • BREAK ME OFF A PIECE OF THAT KIT KAT BAR.

#1: Hammer



#2: Karate



HOW TO



BREAK IT



#3: Steamroller



#4: You

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